

Overview of Series: Jesus left us with a primary objective. (Matt. 28:16-20). Every true follower of Christ is to be consumed with living out this designated plan. Irresistible Inclusion, Irresistible God, Irresistible Grace, Irresistible Transformation, Irresistible Power, Irresistible Story

Text: Matthew 28:16-20

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Irresistible: God's "Sovereign Inclusion"-YOU

Intro: God from the beginning wants to redeem people and for them to know who He is!

- "Out of thee will come a seed and through that seed will all the families of the earth be blessed."
- **Psalm 96:1-3**-¹"Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth! ²Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day, ³Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!"
- **1 Chronicles 16:8-10**-⁸"Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! ⁹Sing to him; sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!¹⁰Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!"
- **Isaiah 42:6-7**-⁶"I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, ⁷to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness."
- **Isaiah 43:10-12**-¹⁰"You are my witnesses," declares the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen, that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me. ¹¹I, I am the LORD, and

besides me there is no savior. ¹²I declared and saved and proclaimed, when there was no strange god among you; and you are my witnesses," declares the LORD, "and I am God."

- **1 Timothy 2:3-4**-“This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”

Point: What answers does the text offer to help us understand God’s purpose for our lives?

1. SOVEREIGNTY: God is in complete control. This is HIS PLAN.
2. INCLUSION: You are a PART of God’s plan. He included you.

Central Thought: God has included us in His sovereign plan to transform people! (v. 16)

Problems/Questions of Theology and Life raised by the text?

1. What part of God’s plan do you think you play? Some of us think it’s all about us and become religious pragmatists. Some of us think too lofty and think He does everything and therefore I am not necessary and thus become spiritual pacifists.

2. We tend to emphasize the public ministry moments of Jesus and to the neglect of the private ones that only include a few people. Yet they often are the catalysts for greater impact among the masses.

3. Jesus and His gospel are the point of our lives.

4. The gospel is not just a message or a story or a plan from a book we explain.

5. Discipleship is not the merely the acquisition of knowledge. If so, why did he direct them to go to Galilee, wait, and then meet on a mountain alone and only speak 2 sentences?

Understanding God's Irresistible Mission For Our lives Means:

1. We Must Remember That God's Irresistible Mission is About Appointments not Convenience!

(Galilee was a LONG Journey and they went anyway. (sacrifice, service, appointment, etc) NOT Convenient!!!)

- "Though it seemed a needless thing to go into Galilee, to see him whom they might see at Jerusalem, especially when they must so soon come back again to Jerusalem, before his ascension, yet they had learned to obey Christ's commands and not object against them. Note, Those who would maintain communion with Christ, must attend him there where he has appointed. Those who have met him in one ordinance, must attend him in another; those who have seen him at Jerusalem, must go to Galilee."¹
- Galilee #1 was where he called them to follow Him to **see the gospel** now he is leading them back to Galilee to live out of what they are becoming to **Be the gospel** with their whole life.
- He had promised to make an appearance there in Galilee. Do we give prominence to the reality of the appearance of Christ!
- Are there many profound experiences where you RECOGNIZED you collided with God's sovereign agenda?

2. We Have to Understand That We Must BE a Disciple Before We Can Make Disciples.

- First you have to be a disciple before God begins to USE you to make disciples of others!

¹Henry, Matthew: Matthew Henry's Commentary on the Whole Bible : Complete and Unabridged in One Volume. Peabody : Hendrickson, 1996, c1991, S. Mt 28:16

- Are you becoming more and more intentional about the directives of God's plan?
- This was the mountain where he was transfigured, showed them HIS glory. The place where you experience HIS glory is the place where you are transformed so you can be sent!

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- The Christian life is about orchestrated experiences with God that prompt us to spontaneously respond with heart felt obedience.
- Note, Our communion with God in secret (mountain) must not supersede our attendance on public worship, as we have opportunity²
- He becomes everything when we consecrate ourselves and heed his directive to go to meet him for revelation and instruction.

Response: What should we do in response to what we have heard?

- Repent of our indifference to His mission
- Pray for sensitivity in our lives to see the sovereign collisions each day. Pray for the names of specific people we are to begin making disciples of right now.
- Intentionally seek out individuals who we can share the gospel with and then pour into as a disciple.

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