

# The Church Has Left The Building

## 3. Missional Mandate

**Key Point:** At the core of any great Jesus movement is the confession: “Jesus Christ is Lord”

Connect Group Questions

This series is designed to get us thinking about what it means to be “on mission” with God.

Our mandate for mission is found in what has been called the “Great Commission” – a bold and powerful assignment from the Lord Jesus to His entire church. Over the next two studies we will look closely at some of the key factors that lie at the heart of the Great Commission. Factors that when fully embraced and lived out provide the impetus for us to be on mission with God.

1. Begin by recalling what you remember from the sermon. Key words, ideas, thoughts, pictures etc.
2. What did you find most challenging, helpful or troubling about the sermon?
3. Read Matthew 28:16-20. The popular understanding of this passage is that Jesus is calling the church to send out missionaries to faraway places, overseas. Why do you think that is?
4. How does it feel knowing that each one of you is commissioned by Jesus to “go”? Does the reference to some “doubting” in verse 17 encourage you or trouble you?
5. Jesus’ mandate is given in the context of His authority (v18). What concepts, images or thoughts does the word “authority” conjure up for you?
6. Try to explain in your own words the concept of “Jesus is Lord”. What do you find challenging and comforting about this? Why is it so important?
7. What are some of the greatest obstacles to making Jesus Lord of your life?
8. What habits and/or practices can help you as individuals to keep Jesus as Lord?
9. Is Jesus the Lord of your Connect Group? What evidence is there to support that He is?
10. Spend time meditating on the Apostle Peter’s instruction found in 1Peter 3:15. Below are various translations to help you think through and apply the verse:

“In your hearts set apart Christ as Lord.” (NIV)

“Through thick and thin, keep your hearts at attention, in adoration before Christ, your Master.”  
(The Message)

“Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life.” (New Living Translation)

“Simply concentrate on being completely devoted to Christ in your hearts.” (JB Phillips Translation)