

Final Words (Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:3-11)

into Elkhart and Michiana: Who is my neighbor?

- Christ's ♥ for our neighbors
 - ♥ Luke 19:10 He has _____ us
 - ♥ 2 Peter 3:9 He is not willing that any should _____
 - ♥ John 1:14 "The Word became _____ and made his dwelling with us
 - ♥ "His deepest impulse, His most natural instinct is to move _____ sin & suffering; not _____ from it" (Dane Ortlund, in *Gentle and Lowly*)
- God's plan to continue His pursuit of the lost:
 - ♥ The church living _____.
 - ♥ I Corinthians 5:19-20 "...He has committed to us the ministry of reconciliation. We are therefore God's _____
 - ♥ Matthew 5:13 We are _____
 - ♥ Matthew 5:14-16 We are _____

To the Rest of the World: The Great Commission

- 🌐 "Commission" defined: "An instruction, command, or duty given by someone who possesses authority to a group of people.
- 🌐 Jesus Christ is sovereign; He has all _____
- 🌐 On that basis He has given us a clear commission: _____! And _____
- 🌐 Where? To whom do we go? _____ (people groups)
- 🌐 Baptizing them in the Name of the Father, Son, & Holy Spirit
- 🌐 What do we instruct them to do? _____ He taught us.
- 🌐 God promises His _____, _____, _____. "God always pays for whatever He orders."
- 🌐 The expiration date: when does this command end? _____
- 🌐 "If a commission by an earthly king is considered an honor, how can a commission by a heavenly King be considered a sacrifice?" (David Livingstone)

Forward Together: How do we keep our momentum?

"The key to finding people to fill the shoes of retiring missionaries is not to find someone with a passion for missions, but people with a passion for God" (Carl Reed)

Thinking of today's message and how God has already been working in your heart and mind, what next steps is God asking of you to take the Gospel to your neighbors? Your community? To places where the Gospel has not yet spread?