

## 4. GOING. St. Peter's Milton. December 2020

Final talk in the series looking at the Vision or Mission Statement for this church. We have already looked at the earlier Three words:

**Caring** - for God's honour, for God's people, God's world and for God's mission.

Song: Cast your burdens onto Jesus, for He cares for you.

**Sharing** - with God, with one another and with the world,

Song: Our God is a great big God

**Growing** - more like Jesus in wisdom, stature, favour with God and people (Luke 2v40 & 52). Song: The fruit of the Spirit.

Our final word is **GOING**. It reminds us of the last words of Jesus in Matthew Chapter 28. 'Go and make disciples of all nations...' This is known as the **Great Commission**, but it comes after the **Great Commandment** - Love God with all our heart, mind, soul and strength and love our neighbour as ourself.

But **HOW** should we go? **WHERE** should we go? **WHEN** should we go? **WHY** should we go? **TO WHOM** should we go?

But first of all, what does the word GO imply?

**Ready, steady, go** - there is a process. We cannot go until we have made preparations.

What preparations did Jesus make for His disciples before they could Go to make disciples?

- Stay in Jerusalem until you are clothed with power from on high (Luke 24). In other words, WAIT until you have received the promised gift of the Holy Spirit to give you the power to be witnesses (Acts 1v8)
- All authority in heaven and earth had been given to Jesus and He now passes this on to them. Therefore Go.... In other words, Jesus is the King who is giving directions to his people and it will be 'in His name' that we can speak and act.

- Jesus completed the work of salvation by His death and resurrection, therefore making a new way into the very presence of God

**HOW?** Go lightly, go lovingly, go bravely, go humbly, go gently. Learning not to rush but to go slowly also. Star Trek ! Starship Enterprise. *To boldly go where no one else has gone.*

**WHERE?** All nations - that is all different groups of people....

*Eg. I know of a friend in WSM who has adopted 4 teenagers from Eritrea and Afghanistan, from war-torn and unstable lands.*

**TO WHOM?** ALL nations.... everyone is important to God. The ones whom God puts in front of us each day.

**WHEN?** Wait for God's time - Kairos.

**WHY?** In obedience to Christ's command. With love for all those whom God has placed in our path.

In summary, we see in Matthew 28v16-20 the **BORE of MISSION**.

**B = Based on Christ's Authority. He is the One who is sending us.**

**O = Obedient** to Christ's **Command**. It is His call to Mission.

**GO** - be prepared to move, enter another community

**MAKE DISCIPLES** - Disciples, followers of Jesus, this is a process over time and involves several key disciplines

**Baptising** - repent and believe before baptise. This involves teaching and preaching from God's word to understand our need and our Saviour.

**Teaching to observe** - life formation as those who follow the clear way of life that Jesus gives us by His own life and his words. Summed up by one word LOVE - Love God, Love others, Love ourselves.

**R = Relying** on Christ's **Resources**. LO, I am with you. His presence is the most important resource, by the power of His Spirit. Troubles come but He is WITH US. Immanuel = God with us. No LO without a GO.

**E = Expecting** Christ's **Return**. ADVENT season reminds us of the Comings of Jesus - first one as a baby, second one as a king.  
Maranatha, Come Lord Jesus.

**Song:** *Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King  
No more crying, no more dying there, we are going to see the King  
Alleluia, alleluia, we are going to see the King*

SUMMARY:

UP

growing

IN

Caring  
sharing



OUT

going

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**Words of Paul Field's song:**

**Go peaceful**

In gentleness  
Through the violence of these days  
Give freely  
Show tenderness  
In all your ways

Through darkness  
In troubled times  
Let holiness be your aim  
Seek wisdom  
Let faithfulness  
Burn like a flame

*God speed you  
God lead you  
And keep you wrapped around his heart  
May you be known by love*

Be righteous  
Speak truthfully  
In a world of greed and lies  
Show kindness  
See everyone  
Through heaven's eyes

*God hold you  
Enfold you  
And keep you wrapped around his heart  
May you be known by love*

*God speed you  
God lead you  
And keep you wrapped around his heart*

*May you be known by love*  
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