



## Part 6: A Command and a Commission

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**A command is something you obey.**

**A commission is something you fulfill.**

### **John 13:33-34** *(The Message)*

"Children, I am with you for only a short time longer. You are going to look high and low for me. But just as I told the Jews, I'm telling you: 'Where I go, you are not able to come.'

"Let me give you a new command: Love one another. In the same way I loved you, you love one another."

### **Michah 6:8** *(The Message)*

But he's already made it plain how to live, what to do,  
what GOD is looking for in men and women.

It's quite simple: Do what is fair and just to your neighbor,  
be compassionate and loyal in your love,  
And don't take yourself too seriously—  
take God seriously.

### **The two questions on your final exam will be:**

1. How well have you loved God?
2. How well have you loved people?

### **What does the love of Christ look like?**

Think about the breadth of the love of Christ

Think about the depth of the love of Christ

*Whenever and wherever we earnestly obey the Great Commandment,  
it will always propel and energize us to fulfill the Great Commission!*

**Matthew 28:16-20** (*The Message*)

Meanwhile, the eleven disciples were on their way to Galilee, headed for the mountain Jesus had set for their reunion. The moment they saw him they worshiped him. Some, though, held back, not sure about worship, about risking themselves totally.

Jesus, undeterred, went right ahead and gave his charge: "God authorized and commanded me to commission you: Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you. I'll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age."

**Next Steps**

Don't miss the insert in today's program about CTK Missions. Check out the ways your church is partnering with groups locally, nationally and internationally to bring the hope of Jesus Christ to the people he loves.

This week, take some time to pray and listen to God about how he may want you to get involved - here, there, or everywhere. If you sense a commission from him, contact Pastor Deni Starbuck (733-1337 or [denis@ctkbellingham.com](mailto:denis@ctkbellingham.com)) to explore your next steps in obeying the Great Commandment and fulfilling the Great Commission.

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