



Jesus...said, "All the authority of the universe has been given to me."^[a] ¹⁹ Now go in my authority and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. ²⁰ And teach them to faithfully follow^[b] all that I have commanded you. And never forget that I am with you every day, even to the completion of this age." **Matthew 28:18-20** (TPT)

THE CROSSINGS WILL BE A DISCIPLEMAKING CHURCH AS LONG AS ...

1. _____.

Saul just went wild, devastating the church, entering house after house after house, dragging men and women off to jail. ⁴ Forced to leave home base, the Christians all became missionaries. Wherever they were scattered, they preached the Message about Jesus. **Acts 8:3-4** (MP)

Meanwhile, the believers who had been scattered during the persecution after Stephen's death traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch of Syria. They preached the word of God... **Acts 11:19a** (NLT)

2. _____.

Meanwhile, the believers who had been scattered during the persecution after Stephen's death ... preached the word of God, but only to Jews. **Acts 11:19b** (NLT)

Some of them, however, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus. ²¹ The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord. **Acts 11:20, 21** (NIV)

- "Nations" = _____
- Principle: _____

But some of the Jewish leaders ...began to argue with and contradict Paul's message, as well as slander him. ⁴⁶ Paul and Barnabas together responded with great confidence. OK, then. It was only right that we should bring God's message to you Jewish people first. But now, since you are rejecting our message and identifying yourselves as unworthy of eternal life, we are turning to the outsiders. ⁴⁷ The Lord has commanded us to do this. Remember His words: I have appointed you a light to the nations beyond Israel, so you can bring redemption to every corner of the earth. **Acts 13:45-47** (VOICE)

When the Gentiles heard this, they were very glad and thanked the Lord for his message; and ... became believers. **Acts 13:48** (NLT)

⁴⁹ The word of the Lord spread through the whole region. ⁵⁰ But the Jewish leaders incited the God-fearing women of high standing and the leading men of the city. They stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their region. ⁵¹ So they shook the dust off their feet as a warning to them and went to Iconium. **Acts 13:49-51** (NIV)

3. We are Committed to Sharing the Gospel with All People, and _____.

When the church at Jerusalem heard what had happened, they sent Barnabas to Antioch to help the new converts. ²³ When he arrived and saw the wonderful things God was doing, he was filled with excitement and joy, and encouraged the believers to stay close to the Lord, whatever the cost. ²⁴ Barnabas was a kindly person, full of the Holy Spirit and strong in faith. As a result, large numbers of people were added to the Lord. ²⁵ Then Barnabas went on to Tarsus to hunt for Paul. ²⁶ When he found him, he brought him back to Antioch; and both of them stayed there for a full year teaching the many new converts. (It was there at Antioch that the Disciples were first called "Christians.") **Acts 11:22-26** (TLB)

4. _____.

The church in Antioch had grown strong, with many prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon (a dark man from Central Africa), Lucius (from Cyrene in North Africa), Manaen (a member of Herod's governing council), and Saul. ² Once they were engaged in a time of worship and fasting when the Holy Spirit spoke to them, "Commission Barnabas and Saul to a project I have called them to accomplish."³ They fasted and prayed some more, laid their hands on the two selected men, and sent them off on their new mission. **Acts 13:1** (VOICE)