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Message Summary: The last words of instruction from someone are pretty important, especially when they come from Jesus. We are commanded by Jesus to go into all the world and make disciples, it's not an option or suggestion. Thankfully, God doesn't leave us empty handed to accomplish this great task, He sent the Helper aka the Holy Spirit. The third person of the Trinity gives us the power beyond our own abilities to follow God and bring the life changing message of Jesus Christ wherever we go. God wants to use you now, are you going to be obedient to his command?

THE POWER TO GO

1. THE GREAT COMMISSION IS _____. (Matthew 28:18-20)
 - a. It's a command!
 - b. Who is this command given to? (2 Corinthians 5:20)
 - c. What are we to do? (Matthew 28:19-20)
 - d. Where are we to go? (Matthew 28:19)
 - e. Why are we to go? (1 Timothy 2:4, John 10:10b, Romans 10:14-15)

2. BY THE POWER OF THE _____. (Acts 1:8)
 - a. Foretold in the Old Testament. (Ezekiel 36:26-27, Joel 2:28-29)
 - b. Promised by Jesus. (John 14:15-18)
 - c. To enable us. (Acts 3:6-7)
 - d. To equip us. (Mark 13:11, Acts 4:8-10)
 - e. To embolden us. (Acts 4:13)
 - f. To direct us. (Acts 8:29)

3. GOD WANTS TO _____. (Ephesians 2:10)
 - a. Our excuses get in the way. (Luke 14:15-24)
 - b. Start right where you are.
 - c. Go for it! (John 14:12, Deuteronomy 31:6)

Life Group Questions:

BEGIN IT (5min) – Time spent in praise and prayer

OPEN IT (10min) – We saw that someone's last words are often very important. If you knew you were about to die and had time to only give one last statement, what would it be? Why?

EXPLORE IT (60min) – Review Sunday's sermon outline and any notes and questions the groups want to share. Now answer the following questions:

1. Do you view yourself as a missionary? How have you separated missions from your everyday life?
2. Read Romans 10:14-15. Have you ever found yourself angry or upset with a nonbeliever for living and believing as they do? Should you be angry at them? Who should you be upset with?
3. What are common excuses we hear from people regarding serving or following God? Is there anything keeping you back from full, radical obedience to Jesus' command of the Great Commission to us believers?
4. How can you rely more on the power of the Holy Spirit to guide your daily life for God's purposes and plan?

APPLY IT (15 min) - Pause and take a few minutes to individually pray and ask God how He would like to use you right where you are (ie. places, people, etc...) Then share with the group.