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Course Description

This course establishes a biblical theology of the Great Commission. It presents an in-depth study of evangelism and discipleship principles that are universal in their application. Important elements of *Great Commission Strategies* include the nature of the gospel message, the biblical definition of discipleship, and the methodology of Jesus. Challenges facing the church in multiple ministry contexts are also explored. Finally, the course integrates evangelism and discipleship, presenting them as two sides of a single task.

Resources

You will use *Great Commission Strategies*, an Independent-Study Textbook by Michael Jaffe, as both the textbook and study guide for the course. *The Holy Bible* is also required. Bible quotations in the Independent-Study Textbook are from the New International Version (2011 edition) unless otherwise noted. Some assignments require you to access the Global University Library website or other academic sources. Instructions for accessing the Library website are provided in the Undergraduate Writing Assignment Guidelines (UWAG) in the Student Packet.

Course Objectives

The key concepts presented in the lesson are derived from the objectives. Study each objective carefully as you begin each lesson. First, identify the key concepts presented in the objective, and second, identify what each objective is asking you to do with the key concepts. For example, in the objective, *Assess the positive and negative ways that colonialism affected the spread of Christianity*, the key concept is *colonialism affected Christianity*. In this objective you are asked to assess positive and negative ways-or show the good and bad effects colonialism had on the spread of Christianity.

Course Procedures

Classroom lectures, group discussion, audio-visual presentations, handouts, and case studies constitute some of the various methods that will be utilized in order to attain the course objectives.

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Course Introduction

In the last words recorded in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus proclaimed to His followers,

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. (28:18-20)

The divine imperative to "Go and make disciples" has been termed the Great Commission of the church. These words of Jesus contain the assurance of divine authority, the marching orders for all who would be called His disciples, and the promise of His divine presence.

Today, more than two thousand years later, this Great Commission remains unfulfilled. While the kingdom of God has undoubtedly had a tremendous advance extending to the remotest parts of the world, the task is still far from complete. Thousands of people groups are yet to be reached. Multitudes have not heard the good news of Jesus Christ's loving sacrifice for their sins and the opportunity of being brought into right relationship with God.

Every believer must take responsibility for fulfilling Christ's Great Commission. No one is exempted from the challenge of taking up his or her mantle and answering the call.

This Independent-Study Textbook, *Great Commission Strategies*, is designed to help equip you with the understanding and insights necessary to do your part in bringing Jesus to a lost and perishing world. As you study this material, remember that knowledge in itself cannot enable you to succeed in this task. You will need to depend on the power and wisdom of God through His Holy Spirit to accomplish this great work.