

Because now He ascends into heaven and a new period begins for them. There was no complete change there. There was a tremendous change. They didn't see Him more. They did not talk with him more directly. They did not have that same intercourse with him they had before, and yet he was still with them. He said, I'll be with you until the end of the age. All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Yet it was a very great change.

So as they looked forward to that change, and as they looked back to the beginning of it, ~~xxxxxx~~ these words that he said to them would be tremendously important. 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 teaching them to obey all things whatsoever I have commanded you. Therefore, God, he said.

Now as summer vacation starts, we will all go. Go somewhere. Most of us will make some movement. I trust most of you have worked hard through the semester, and have worked hard getting ready for the examinations, etc. and you will take some time for relaxztion. Will get some rest, some upbuilding, at least some change in your type of activity.

But I've known some people who spent the whole summer getting a change, and I think they should meditate on these words, Therefore Go. It does not mean to go to the seashore. It does not mean to go and take a vacation.

He said, All authority is given unto me therefore go and make disciples of all nations. So our service for the Lord doesn't end when we finish the semester and start a new semester. He says, Go and make disciples. That is His command to every Christian, and how much more to seminary students. Therefore Go and make disciples.

Are you going this summer to seize the opportunity to make disciples. Are you going to be a witness to Christ during this summer? If you can spend your summer in what we call full time Christian service, That is grand. But if you're not, if you are engaged in secular work the command is still addressed to you. Therefore go and make disciples. We all have a duty to evangelize.

We all have a duty to present the way of salvation. Jesus looked out at the multitudes and said they were like sheep without a shepherd. We look at the multitudes today and they are even more so. They are like sheep without a shepherd. They are going this way and that way. They are smiling and laughing, and they are pretending to have a good time, but underneath there's a sorrow. There's a despair. There's an anguish. They are wishing for something. You can't tell from their face, you can't tell from their general attitude, but that is there. It is there in most cases. It shows itself at some time or another. The very one who to your word about Christ turns an angry word, and pushes you away is probably the very one who needs it most. The very one perhpas who is fighting within their conscience to try to keep from facing their moral responsibility before God.