

PATHMARK · COURSE TWO

THE DOCTRINE OF

Missions

The sent church and the gospel it carries

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore 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 observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

MATTHEW 28:18-20 · ESV

Some go. Some send. All are part of the mission. *“I will go down into the pit, if you will hold the rope.”* — William Carey

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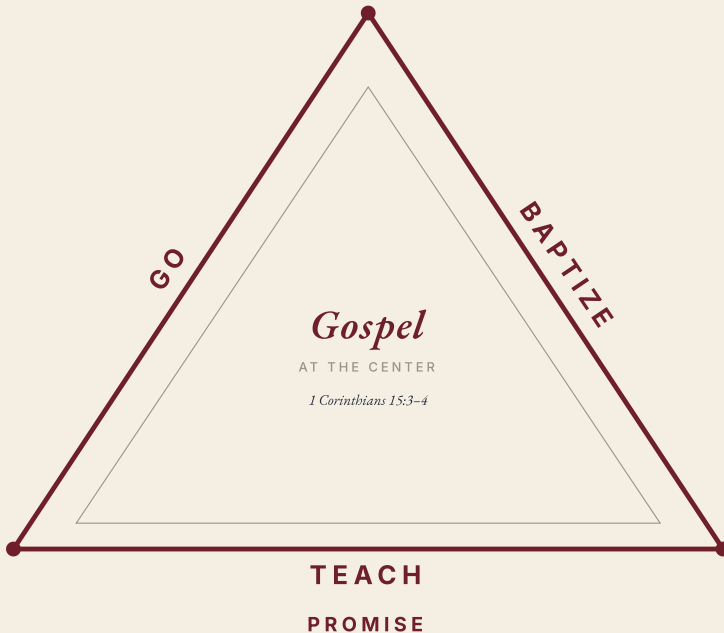
THE GREAT COMMISSION TRIANGLE

Authority above. Promise beneath. Gospel at the center.

Three sides for the work the King has given His church: Go, Baptize, Teach.

AUTHORITY

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.”



“I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

GO

Cross the threshold. Move toward people who do not yet know Christ — across the street, across New England, across the world.

BAPTIZE

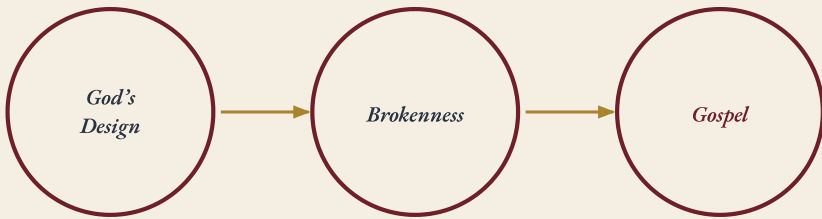
Bring new disciples into Christ and His church through the visible sign of identification with His death and resurrection.

TEACH

Form obedient disciples who know and keep all that Christ has commanded. The commission is finished in obedience, not at conversion.

The Three Circles

Draw it on a napkin, the back of a receipt, or a phone screen. Carry the storyline in your head.



1 GOD'S DESIGN

God created the world to flourish under His wise design — to know Him, reflect Him, live with Him.

GENESIS 1:26–27, 31

In your own words:

2 BROKENNESS

Humanity chose its own path. The Bible calls this sin. The brokenness we feel is real, and no self-effort can fix it.

ROMANS 3:23 · ROMANS 6:23

In your own words:

3 GOSPEL

Christ lived perfectly, died for our sin, and rose to bring new life. Repent and trust Him; He restores the design.

JOHN 3:16 · 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

In your own words:

Three Circles diagram adapted from NAMB and Pastor Jimmy Scroggins.

Where will you go?

Paul writes the chain backwards. Read it forwards: the mission begins with a sending church.



“How are they to call ... believe ... hear ... preach ... unless they are sent?” — Romans 10:14–15

YOUR SPHERE • ONE STEP • ONE NAME

Be specific. Name the person or partnership. Name the action. Name when.

ACROSS THE STREET

A neighbor, coworker, family member, or friend who does not yet know Christ.

ACROSS NEW ENGLAND

A church plant or sister congregation Mayflower can come alongside.

ACROSS THE WORLD

A missionary or unreached people group to pray for, give to, or one day go to.
