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A. What is God’s PLAN to Build Christ’s Church? (Matthew 28:16-20)

1. The audience originally receiving these instructions were the ________________. (28:16-17)
   * What historically had occurred up to this point?

2. The authority for the Great Commission is ________________. (28:18)
   * Why is this significant to grasp?

3. The assignment of this mission from Jesus Christ it to ________________. (28:19a)
   * What does this entail?
   * Does this require that all believers do each of these equally?

4. The activities involved in carry this out would involve ________________, ________________, and ________________. (28:19a)
   * What would be the purpose of each of these?

5. The assuring promise of Christ in carrying this out is _________________. (28:20)
   * Why would this guarantee be needed?
   * Why can we be confident that these instructions apply to us today?
B. What is God’s PROCLAMATION to Build Christ’s Church? (Mark 16:14-16)

1. The messengers are genuine __________________. (16:14)
   
   * How should this encourage you?

2. The mission is to _______ and ____________ in ___________________________. (16:15a)

3. The message to be preached is the __________________. (16:15)
   
   * What is the Gospel?

   * What can we learn from this?

C. What is God’s POWER to Build Christ’s Church? (Luke 24 & Acts 1)

1. The power resides in the message of the ________________ (Luke 24:46-47) and the ministry of the ___________________________ (Luke 24:49)

   * Is the Holy Spirit really that important in all this?

2. The purpose of the Holy Spirit’s enablement is for us to be ________________________ of ___________________________. (Luke 24:48; Acts 1:4-11)

   * What should this teach us?

D. What Then Did God PRODUCE Through All This?

1. The _____________________________ began. (Acts 2:1-4)

   * Does God keep His promises?

2. The lost were _________________ and ___________________ to the Church. (Acts 2:41-47)

   * Did they preach the Gospel, baptize believers, and teach them the Word of God?
3. ___________________________ were planted. (Acts 8:1-4, 11:9-24)

* Why is this significant to note?

4. Believers were ______________ the Word and ______________ for ministry. (Acts 11:26)

* What term is used to describe those affected by Peter and Paul’s ministry?

5. Believers were ___________________________ to evangelize, plant churches, disciple believers, etc. (Acts 13:1-5, 14:21-23)

6. God was ______________________ through the building of Christ’s Church. (Acts 14:25-28)

* What can we learn from all this?

   (1) We must keep the ______________ of the church ___________ in light of all the ecclesiastical confusion around us today.

   (2) We must follow God’s __________________ in order to see Christ’s church built __________ way.

   (3) We need to __________ to the Lord of the harvest to send forth willing, usable servants of Christ into the fields of the world.

   (4) We must recognize the crucial place of the ____________, the ________________, and the _________________________ in fulfilling all of this.

* How does all of this apply to you?