Sent with Good News Mark 16:15-20

I. Christ commissioned us to share the gospel with everyone (Mark 16:15-16).

- A. Those who follow Christ must tell the good news of salvation to everyone throughout the world (16:15).
- B. Jesus promised that those who believe in Christ will be saved and not be condemned for their sin (16:16).
 - Note: Water baptism is not necessary for salvation, since the issue of condemnation is based only on "believing."

II. God's power confirms the gospel as we share it (Mark 16:17-18).

- A. Miraculous signs accompanied those who shared the good news after Jesus left (16:17-18).
 - The miraculous "signs" in the apostolic age confirmed the gospel message before the New Testament was complete (16:20; Acts 8:6; 14:3; Hebrews 2:3-4; 2 Corinthians 12:12).
- B. The gospel in this age has the power to convince and save as the Holy Power enables us (Acts 1:8; Romans 1:16).

III. It's time for us to share the good news (Mark 16:19-20).

- A. The Ascension We must share the good news until Jesus returns (16:19; Acts 1:8-11; Matthew 28:18-20).
- B. The Success of the gospel When we are faithful to share the good news, God is faithful to work in hearts (16:20).

How to be used by God to share your faith (Colossians 4:3-6)

- 1. <u>Pray</u> for God to <u>open doors</u> of opportunity.
- 2. Pray that we will present the gospel clearly.
- 3. <u>Be wise in how we live</u> around unbelievers.
- 4. <u>Take opportunities</u> God gives us to share or help.
- 5. <u>Be gracious in how we talk</u> with people about Christ.

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