

Chapter 7. The Great Commission Diamond

Four essential elements make up the core of the Great Commission:

- A worthy messenger. Not only willing to serve, but worthy to serve – qualified, prepared, authorized (validated), and empowered.
- A certain message. That grips him and shapes his life – based on the authority of Scripture, knowing God as Trinity, and the gospel as essential.
- A clear strategy. It includes evangelism, discipleship, and planting the church. Establishing the church is a natural outcome of the need to nurture disciples. “The mission of the church is missions, the mission of missions is the church.” (105, quoting Leslie Newbigin)
- An ultimate goal – world evangelization – all the world (Mark 16:15), the whole creation (Mark 16:15), all the nations (Matthew 28:19, Luke 24:47), to the end of the earth (Acts 1:8), to the end of the age (Matthew 28:20).