The Lord's Great Commission

Mark 16: 14-20

(Mt. 28:16-20; Lk. 24:46-49; Jn. 20:21. see Jn. 17:18; Acts 1:8)

1. The two hindrances to the Great Commission

- a. Unbelief
- b. A stubborn refusal to believe and to go forth to bear witness

2. The Great Commission: Go - preach

a. What: The gospel

b. Where: All the world

3. The reason for the Great Commission

a. If believe: Saved

b. If disbelieve: Condemned

4. The promise to the believer as he carries out the Great Commission: Power

5. The confirmation of the Great Commission

- a. The Lord's ascension to the position of power
- b. The Lord's working through the disciples' ministry

14 Later Jesus appeared to the Eleven as they were eating; he rebuked them for their lack of faith and their stubborn refusal to believe those who had seen him after he had risen.

15 He said to them,

"Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.

16 Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

- 17 And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues;
- 18 They will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well."
- 19 After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God.
- 20 Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it.