

All That Jesus Taught - #3

Begin by Hearing (Matthew 4:4)

1. How would you compare the two parts of the “Great Commission” (Mark 16:15 and Matthew 28:19-20) to a long-distance race? Mark 16:15 speaks to “qualifying” for the race – i.e., being born again and baptized. Matthew 28:19-20 speaks of actually running the race – i.e., doing and teaching all that Jesus commanded. Every church must be proclaiming the complete race.
2. What are some distractions that can come into a church? And how do they prevent people from finishing the race? Things like psychology, music, money, etc. When these become more prominent than teaching and doing **every single thing** that Jesus taught, people will not be led to finish the race that they may have begun.
3. What is the difference between “teaching them” and “teaching them to **do**” all that Jesus taught? The former requires only an intellectual understanding of what Jesus taught. The latter requires that you have obeyed them yourself first.
4. What has God always looked for in mankind (Daniel 1:8-9, Matthew 5:19)? Those who find favor in God’s eyes and are great in His kingdom are those who obey even the “least” commandments from their heart, even if they don’t fully understand them with their minds.
5. What is the first thing recorded that Jesus taught (Matthew 4:4)? For mere physical existence, all you need is food. But our purpose is to have God’s abundant life (John 10:10). Receiving that life begins with **hearing every single word** that proceeds from God’s mouth.