

Essentials of Great Commission Theological Education

Matthew 28:16-20

I. The Foundation

- 1) Thesis: Obedience to the Great Commission involves obeying all aspects of the final marching orders of King Jesus.
- 2) The heart of the Great Commission is the command to “make disciples,” devoted followers of the Lord Jesus.
 - This requires that we “go.”
 - This requires that we “baptize.”
 - This requires that we “teach.”
- 3) The command to “teach” is particularly relevant to those of us involved in theological education. Further, its comprehensive nature (“teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you”) is crucial. Our assignment is to train and deploy a well-trained, well-rounded ministry. My goal for Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary graduates is that they would be 1) pastors, 2) theologians, 3) evangelist, 4) missionaries and 5) disciple-makers.

II. The Essential Components

- 1) Spiritually alive and growing
- 2) Biblically knowledgeable

- 3) Theologically grounded
- 4) Didactically prepared
- 5) Historically informed
- 6) Evangelistically active
- 7) Mission minded
- 8) Competent to lead
- 9) People Oriented
- 10) Administratively competent
- 11) Competent to equip others for ministry
- 12) Lifelong student
- 13) Denominationally knowledgeable
- 14) Culturally aware