

## **February 2005 Communicator Insert**

### *PRAYER MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT...*

Having heard Johnny recently exhort us to “Pray that the Kingdom of God will be expanded”, I wondered, what does that really mean, expanding the Kingdom of God and what could my part be in seeing that happen?

In Matthew 28: 19-20 we see Jesus giving instructions to the disciples in what is known as The Great Commission, He tells them to: “Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in the way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold names: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you.” (Message)

If you stop and think about it, you are here today because the remaining eleven disciples did just that. These eleven men went out into the world, some far, some near and began telling the world about Jesus Christ. Imagine for a moment if they had chosen to stay all together instead of spreading out. Preferring the comfort and the security of what they had known with each other instead of venturing into the unknown with Christ.

Just as it was for the disciples, our part in expanding the Kingdom for God is a call to step up and out too. That means becoming actively involved in the Great Commission. If we have seen the results of what those eleven men did, just imagine the impact all of us here at the Atlanta Vineyard Church could make, if each and everyone of us said yes, be it near or far, to Jesus’ commission to just go. So as you personally seek God for His direction in your life, pray for the Holy Spirit to move among us, giving us a courage and a passion to go, knowing He is faithful, trusting He will direct us and believing He will equip us in all that He has called us to go and do.

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