

## Wednesday Word

In reflection on the message for Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

Extracts from Matthew, 28, v 16-20. **The Great Commission.**

v18f: Jesus said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.  
Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them  
in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,  
v20: and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.  
And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

**Film – “Witnesses”** - We were reminded of the story in Luke 24, in which two men, unknowingly, met the resurrected Jesus on the Road to Emmaus.

Extracts from Luke 17, v11-19. **Jesus Heals Ten Men With Leprosy.**

v12f: **As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him.  
They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice,  
“Jesus, Master, have pity of us.”**  
v14: **When he saw them, he said, “Go show yourselves to the priests.”  
And as they went, they were cleansed.**  
v15f: **One of them, when he saw he was healed,  
came back, praising God in a loud voice.**

**He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him – and he was a Samaritan.**

v17f: **Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?  
Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?”**  
v19: **Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.**

### Reflection Film – “Go and Do Likewise”

**Talk – The Invitational Jesus.** Often Jesus says, e.g. “Come to me....”

This talk concentrates on when he says, “Go...” and emphasising three such purposeful occasions,

1. In our Luke 17 reading, v14, Jesus says, “Go show yourself to the priests.” The man would have to explain to the priest that Jesus had healed him, so that the man could resume his previous life. We should

tell people how we have met and accepted Jesus in our lives.

2. “Go and Do Likewise,” said Jesus, in parables like that of the Good Samaritan. Jesus wants us to be like him, doing good works like those he did, comforting and helping others.

3. In the Matthew 28 reading, Jesus says, “Go and make disciples of all nations.” Churches are full of believers – but the believers should strive to be disciples doing good works like those of Jesus.