

Go!

Welcome/25-year celebration video/moment

- **(Tina)** Thank you. Getting to serve Definition Church for 25 years has been amazing. You are the best church in the world. We love you and are so proud of you and the best is yet to come!
- **(Allen)** Thank Tina, Kids, Lead Team and all of you. 25 years ago, when Tina and I moved to Greensboro we never imagined we would get to be part of something so special. God has exceeded our expectations. Let's give God Praise, this is what He has done! We love you and are so proud of you.

Intro: Series Review: Death, Resurrection- Go and tell everyone!

Read: Matthew 28:16-20

1. The Disciples were commanded to Go.

Explain: Going was not optional. Jesus did not ask, would you like to go. Jesus commanded them to go!

- 25 years ago, Tina and I believed God told us, go to Greensboro!
- **Campaign Video**
- **John 3:16**, "God so loved the world that he sent his one and only son!"

Apply: We must all go! In fact, go is in the present tense meaning, as you are going. In other words, everywhere you go, tell people about Jesus. Today we are celebrating baptism. Baptism is a public announcement; I am a follower of Christ!

2. The Disciples were compelled to Go.

Explain: You know the feeling, when you have news, information so good, you cannot help but tell the people you know and love.

Illustrate: Engaged, baby, grandkids, new job... Guess what, guess what!!!!

The disciples spent three years with Jesus. They heard his teaching and witnessed his miracles but then Jesus rose from the dead! They could not help themselves; they had to go, they wanted to tell everyone!

Argue: **1 Corinthians 9:16**, "When I preach the gospel, I cannot boast, since I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel!"

Romans 1:16, "I am not ashamed of the gospel..."

Apply: Remember, gospel means good news. We have good news! There is a God who loves you, has a plan and purpose for your life, who died and rose from the dead so that we can have eternal life and abundant life.

3. The Disciples were commissioned to Go.

Explain: Jesus said, "All authority is heaven and on earth has been given unto me, go therefore." In other words, I am sending you out in my authority. You are authorized, empowered, commissioned to go. "Be sure of this, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." You are not alone. God is with you!

Building this campus is another way to Go! Therefore, our giving is going!

2 Corinthians 8:9, "You know the generous grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty he could make you rich."

Over the last 7 years, 4 million dollars to missions!

Today is the first week of **Build His House (logo)**. For many years we have been dreaming about this moment, about building a new campus on the north side of town. **(Picture of the building)** We are taking the gospel to a new area of our city. This campus over the next 20 years will result in thousands coming to Christ and millions of additional dollars going to support mission around the world. Like everything else God tells us to do, doing it is actually what is best for us.

1. Giving Makes your Happy!

Explain: When we give the brain releases "feel-good" neurochemicals like dopamine, endorphins, and oxytocin when we give to others, leading to pleasure, euphoria, and feelings of social bonding.

Illustrate: Scrooge- giving changed his life.

Argue: **Acts 20:35**, "It is more blessed, you will be happier, when you give than when you receive."

Apply: 26 million, team effort, November 2nd. Your giving is changing lives! This is not about buildings but people, it is about stories and this morning we want you to hear some of those stories.

Go, make disciples, and baptize them!

Invitation

Next week! What is the secret sauce at Definition Church? Why is our church growing so fast, 25% a year, on average for the last 4 years when many churches are closing?