

Valley Bible Church - Sermon Study Questions

**Study Aid for the Sermon from September 7, 2008
The Mission of the Church
Ephesians 2:1-2**

Observing the text

Read Matthew 28:18-20 and make as many observations as possible.

Think of examples of how the commission in Matthew 28:18-20 was carried out in the book of Acts in respect to the world.

Think of examples of how the commission in Matthew 28:18-20 was carried out in the Epistles in respect to the church.

Read 1 Corinthians 5:9-13 and attempt to reconcile what is said there with Matthew 28:18-20.

Applying the sermon

What do you believe can be accomplished through the ballot box?

What do you believe cannot be accomplished through the ballot box?

In light of the fact that the world by in large is spiritually dead and under the control of Satan, how much energy should the church expend in seeking to change the thinking and conduct of the world through the ballot box?

When it comes to voting on various propositions such as proposition 8, how important should the teachings of God's Word be for a Christian in helping them decide how they should vote?