

# 40 Days of Prayer & Devotion to Easter

## Day 1

*Mark 16:15 instructs us to, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation."*

*This is a parallel text with what we know as the Great Commission found in Mathew 28 to "Go and make disciples."*

*In the mid 1800's, there was a faithful Sunday School teacher named Edward Kimball. Through Kimball's teaching and Gospel ministry, D.L. Moody came to know Jesus and later, through Moody, Wilbur Chapman became a believer. Through his ministry, Billy Sunday, a former baseball player, came to faith in Christ who then led Mordecai Ham to Jesus. It was at Ham's crusade in 1934 that a tall, lanky kid, named Billy Graham admitted he was a sinner and turned his life to Jesus.*

*Billy has been known as one of, if not the most, effective communicator of the Gospel since the Apostle Paul. Through his ministry, it's reported that over 215 million people heard God's message of salvation through Jesus Christ.*

*Because those who preceded Graham surrendered to the call of proclaiming the Gospel, millions have come to faith in Jesus Christ through those men's commitment to share.*

*God's plan for world change is found in the faithfulness of every believer being intentional and engaged in proclaiming the Gospel, which is God's message of forgiveness and salvation to all people, whether in a stadium or at a dinner table among friends. Who will come to faith in Jesus because of your diligence to share Christ?*

*Will you get involved? Will you get in the game? Will you #liveoutward?*

*This week, I want to challenge you to introduce yourself to three people you do not know, then watch how the Lord provides opportunities for you to share the greatest message of love and hope known to mankind...the Gospel of Jesus Christ!*

*– Pastor Steve Barnes*

And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.

*– Mark 16:15*

