



What is an adventure?

Noun

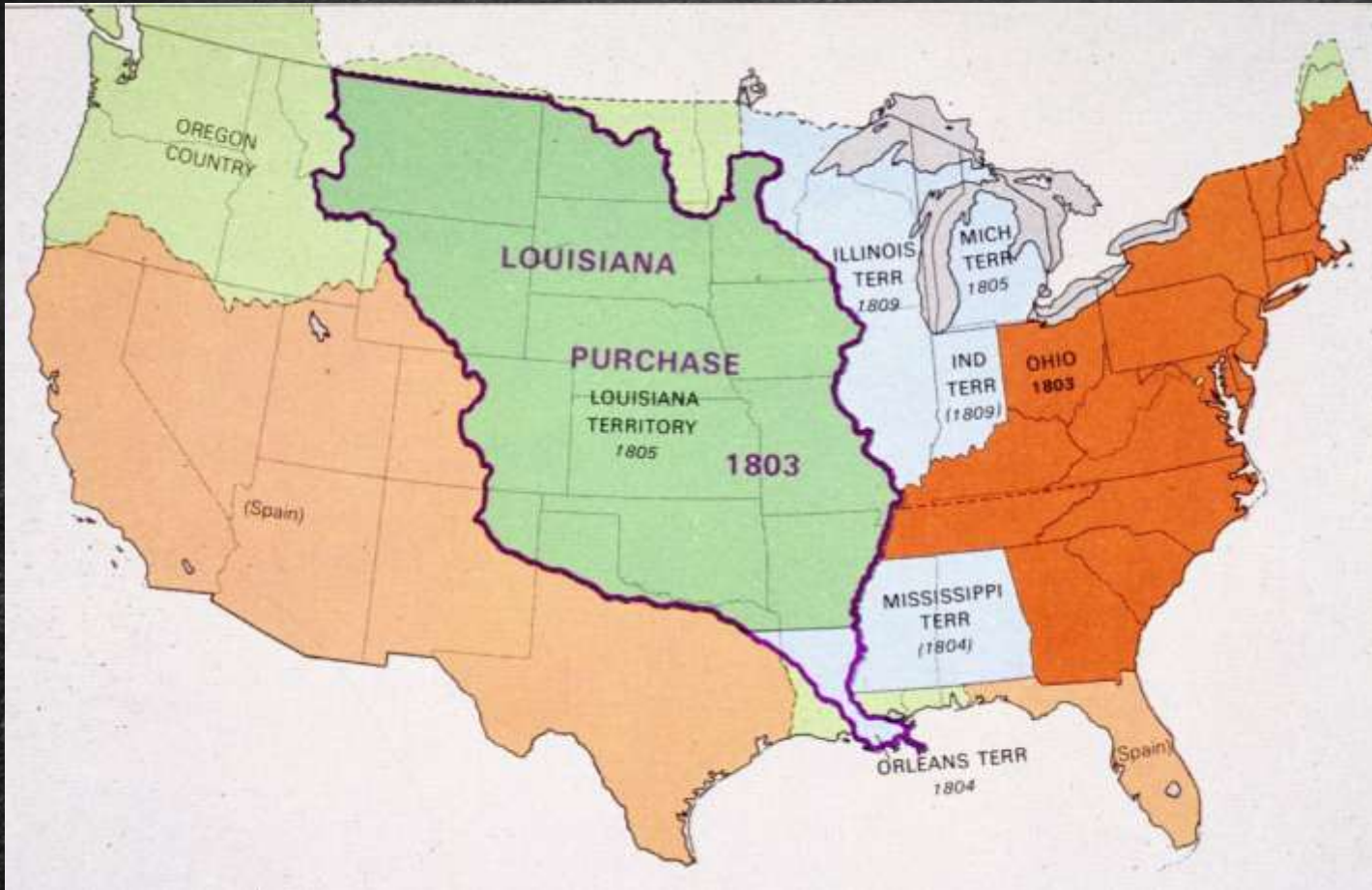
an **unusual** and exciting, typically hazardous, experience or **activity**.

Verb

engage in hazardous and exciting activity, especially the exploration of **unknown territory**.

On an adventure, you need a...

- Starting point
- Destination
- Map
- Route
- Leader
- Team
- Role



The Louisiana Purchase (1803) was a land deal between the United States and France, in which the U.S. acquired approximately 827,000 square miles of land west of the Mississippi River for \$15 million.

Lewis and Clark Expedition



Meriwether Lewis



William Clark

President Thomas Jefferson decided to send an exploratory expedition west so he appointed his own private secretary, Meriwether Lewis, as a Commander in charge of the expedition and finding appropriate guides for it. Lewis invited his former superior officer from the Army, William Clark, to be his co-commander. <https://www.historynet.com/lewis-and-clark-expedition>

The Path of our Church

First Melissa's passion is to make disciples of Jesus who:

- reach intentionally
- connect authentically
- equip continuously
- live passionately

Reach Intentionally

Make the world, near and far, your mission field

Matthew 28:16-20

But the eleven disciples proceeded to Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had designated. When they saw Him, they **worshiped** Him; but some were **doubtful**.

Matthew 28:16-17

“Doubtful” = **διστάζω** distazo to waiver, hesitate

The Great Commission

And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.”

Matthew 28:18

authority = Greek **ἐξουσία** exousia, “official right or power”

The Great Commission

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son
and the Holy Spirit”

Matthew 28:19

“Go, Make”

The only Greek imperative (command) in the Great Commission of Jesus is “Make”

Greek **μαθητεύω** matheteuo = make disciples

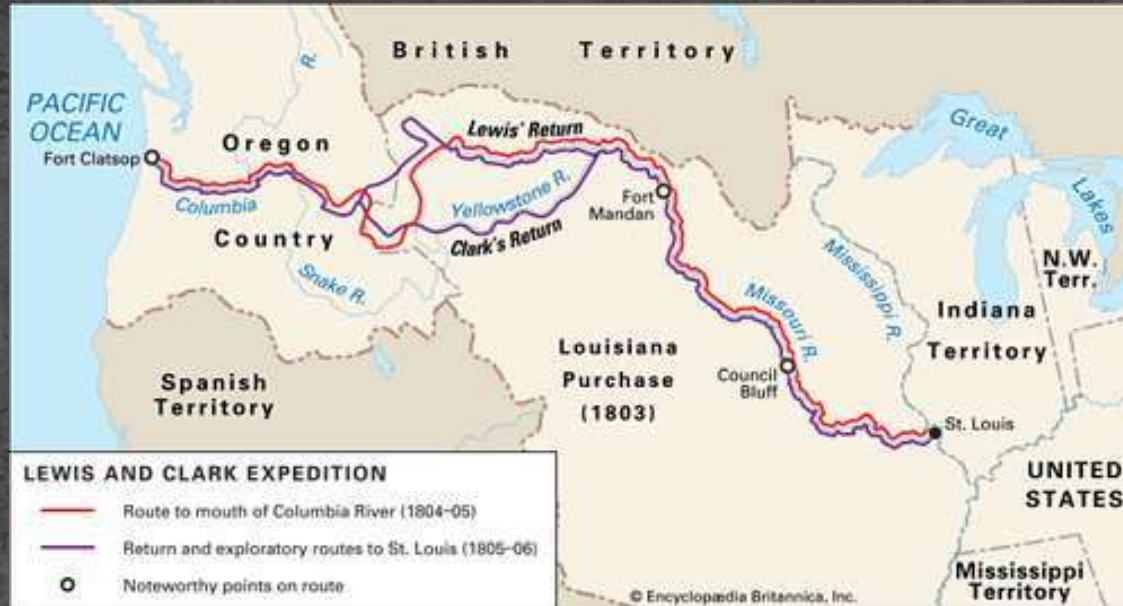
“make disciples” = literally “make learners”

Verb: second person, plural, aorist, active, imperative

“Go” is a participle in Greek, best translated “having gone” or “as you are going” or “when you have gone”

Verb: aorist, passive, participle, masculine, plural, nominative

How far did Lewis and Clark GO?



From May 14, 1804, to September 23, 1806, from St. Louis, Missouri, to the Pacific Ocean and back, the expedition traveled nearly **8,000 miles** (13,000 km).

<https://www.britannica.com/event/Lewis-and-Clark-Expedition>

What is our assignment?

The central command is **MAKE disciples**. At the heart of our mission is the reproduction in others of what Jesus has produced in us: faith, obedience, growth, authority, compassion, love, and a bold, truthful message as his witnesses. They were learners commanded to produce more learners.

-Holman New Testament Commentary

What is a disciple?

Our lives belong not to us but to the One who died to purchase our freedom from sin and death. Along with our freedom, He purchased our **availability** and **usefulness** to Him as tools for the conduct of His ministry. We rob Him of His right when we fail to fulfill His marching orders. The entire Gospel of Matthew serves to equip us for the fulfillment of the Great Commission.

-Holman New Testament Commentary

“of all the nations”

Greek “ta ethne” **ἔθνος** *ethnos* = all the ethnic groups

Why do we believe in missions?

Why do we give to missions?

Who was the greatest missionary ever?

What did Lewis and Clark DISCOVER?

Vegetation

Golden Current

Bitterroot

Wild Onion

Flax

Prickly Pear

Cottonwood

Animals

Eastern wood rat

Grizzly bears

Prairie dogs

Buffalo

Antelopes

Bighorn sheep

Black tailed deer

Mountain beaver

White weasel

Mountain goat

Coyote

“baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit”

- “Baptizing” βαπτίζω *baptizo* - present participle in Greek
- To baptize someone literally means to immerse them in water
- Baptism does not earn or complete my salvation
- Baptism is the outward sign of my inward faith commitment to Christ

The Great Commission

“teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

Matthew 28:20

“teaching them”

Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our abode with him. He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father’s who sent Me. These things I have spoken to you while abiding with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.” John 14:23-26

“to observe all that I commanded you”

And He (Jesus) said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the great and foremost commandment. The second is like it, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’”

Matthew 22:37-39

To Reach Intentionally, you must...

Go

Make

Teach

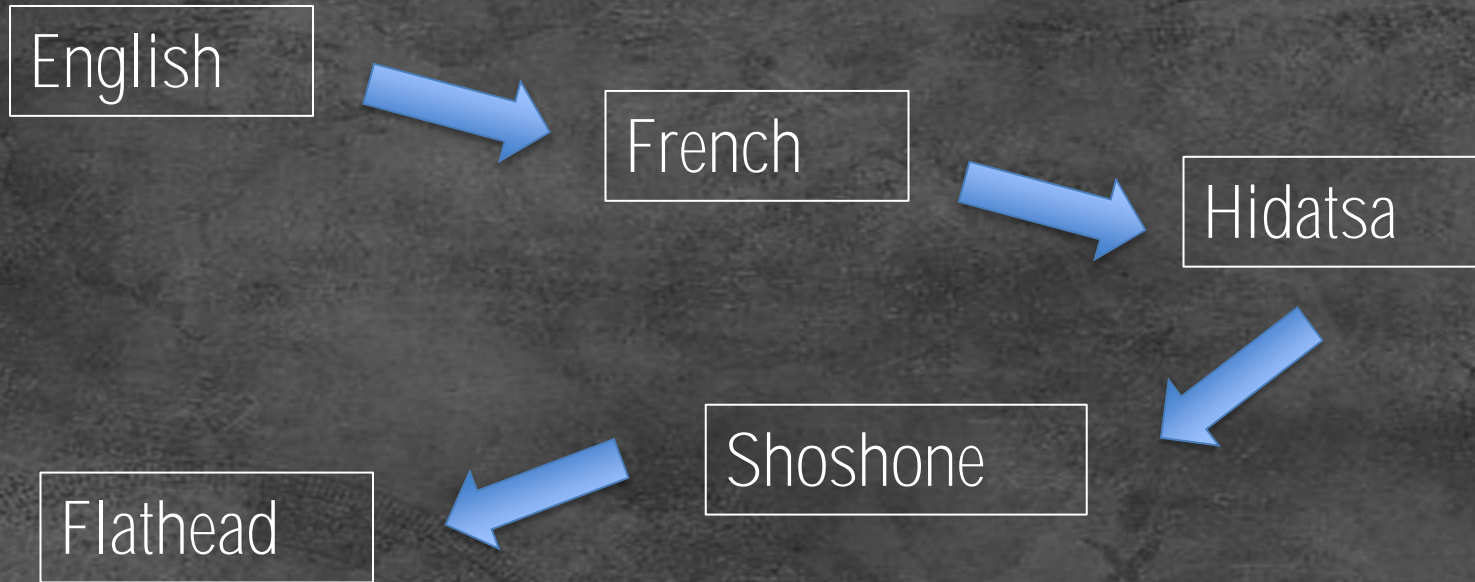
To teach,
you have to be able to communicate

Lewis and Clark Expedition



Sacagawea

Language Translation Chain for Lewis & Clark



AND BACK!

To reach intentionally,
you have to be able to communicate

Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:20

When are you called to make disciples?

Before negotiations with France were finished, President Thomas Jefferson asked Congress to finance an expedition to survey the lands of the Louisiana Purchase and appointed Meriwether Lewis as expedition commander.

<https://www.history.com/topics/westward-expansion/lewis-and-clark>

“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared **beforehand** so that we would walk in them.” Ephesians 2:10

“I am with you always”

You Are Invited



During our 40 Days of Adventure, First Melissa asks that you will commit to:

- Praying and studying every day using the 40 Days Daily Workbook
- Attending worship each Sunday
- Attending a Small Group
- Attending Adventure Wednesday Night each week

“Only those who risk going too far can possibly find out
how far they can go.”

-T.S Eliot

“But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in
Christ, and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the
knowledge of Him in every place.”

2 Corinthians 2:14