

Frontiersman or Colonialist

The lessons of history are filled with empires, kingdoms, and governments that have rose and fell. When people went to uncharted territories they established guidelines to live by. Often these settlers made miniature “examples” of the countries that they just left as they colonized the new region.

The frontiersman of discovery, the trail-blazers, pioneered the way, but did not try to make “cookie-cut outs” of society. They made their mark, had their impact and then moved on.

The truth here is what makes the Great Commission so *great*! Jesus said, “All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, *even* unto the end of the world.” (*Matthew 28:18-20*) If we understand Jesus words correctly, we see that it is not about establishing our own little kingdoms, philosophies, and denominations across the earth. It is, rather, advancing God’s Kingdom. The spiritual kingdom is established life by life as disciples, learned followers of Christ, go into all of the world. They carry the message of life- that forgiveness of sins comes through faith in Jesus Christ! The greatest missionaries in history did make an impact for the rights of people, healthcare, etc., but that was only because of the larger and more powerful focus of being an ambassador of Christ’s message! (*See Ephesians 6:20 and 2 Corinthians 5:17-21*).

We need to go into every culture and make an impression for Christ. Paul’s example was “to the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some. And this I do for the gospel’s sake, that I might be partaker thereof with you.” (*1 Corinthians 9:22-23*).