

Class Objectives – After this class you will be able to:

- Discuss important aspects of the Great Commission.
- Describe various Graeco-Roman philosophies.
- Describe different aspects of Graeco-Roman religion.

Key Terms:

- Going / Disciple / Baptizing / Teaching
- Stoics
- Epicureans
- Cynics

The First Century and the Context(s) of the New Testament (cont.)

I. Devotional:

A. Matthew 28:16-20

1. participle, imperative, participle, participle

GOING _go!
 _as you go
 MAKE DISCIPLES
 BAPTIZING _baptize!
 _in order to baptize
 _by baptizing
 TEACHING _teach!
 _in order to teach
 _by teaching

B. Methodology

C. Practical Application

II. New Testament Backgrounds (cont.):

A. Some Key Graeco-Roman Terms (cont.)

1. **Roman Social Class**

2. Graeco-Roman Philosophies

Middle Platonism – forms, “the Good”

Stoics – logos, focus on reason

Epicureans – atoms, materialism, pleasure

Cynics – social critique

3. Graeco-Roman Religion

House gods

Pantheon

Mystery Religions

Emperor worship

III. Questions for Consideration:

1. How would you interpret the Great Commission?
2. How did Paul interact with Graeco-Roman philosophies and religion in Acts 17?