

# I HAVE MANY PEOPLE

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## Why should we not be afraid to proclaim God's Word (cf. Matt 28:19)?

- God's presence: God is with us (Heb 13:5–6; Ps 139:7–12; cf. Matt 28:20).
- God's protection: God is in sovereign control of our lives (cf. Matt 28:18).
- God's people: God has those who will be saved (John 10:16; cf. Matt 28:19).

## What do these verses do for us?

- They inform our understanding of missionary philosophy and methods: discipling is not as dependent on us as we might like to think. Go on speaking!
- They prevent our discouragement in missions: we are seeking to minister to God's people, not ours. Don't be afraid!
- They expand our scope of the missionary task: we are to make disciples in *all the nations*, anywhere that God is with us. God has his people.