

The background of the slide is a solid dark blue color. Scattered across this background are numerous dandelion seed heads, also in a light blue color. The seed heads are in various stages of dispersal, with some showing the characteristic feathery pappus and others appearing as simple seed heads. The overall effect is a soft, ethereal pattern of light blue against the dark blue background.

Multiplication

Multiplication is
woven into the
fabric of creation



Plants

Gen 1:11 KJV And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, *the herb yielding seed*, and the fruit tree *yielding fruit* after his kind, *whose seed is in itself*, upon the earth

Animals

Gen 1:22 And God blessed them, saying,
"*Be fruitful and multiply* and fill the
waters in the seas, and *let birds*
multiply on the earth."

Mankind

Genesis 1:27-28 ESV So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. (28) And God blessed them. And God said to them, "**Be fruitful and multiply** and fill the earth....."

**How many
apples in
a seed?**



There are also
spiritual seeds



The word of God is
a SEED



Luke 8:11 ESV Now the parable is this: ***The seed is the word of God.***

1 Cor 3:6 ESV ***I planted***, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth.

1Pe 1:23 KJV Being born again, ***not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God***, which liveth and abideth forever.

God's SEED lives in us when born again

1 John 3:8-9 ESV No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him, and he cannot keep on sinning because he has been born of God.

We are seed

Matthew 13:37-38 ESV *[explaining the parable of the sower and the seed]*

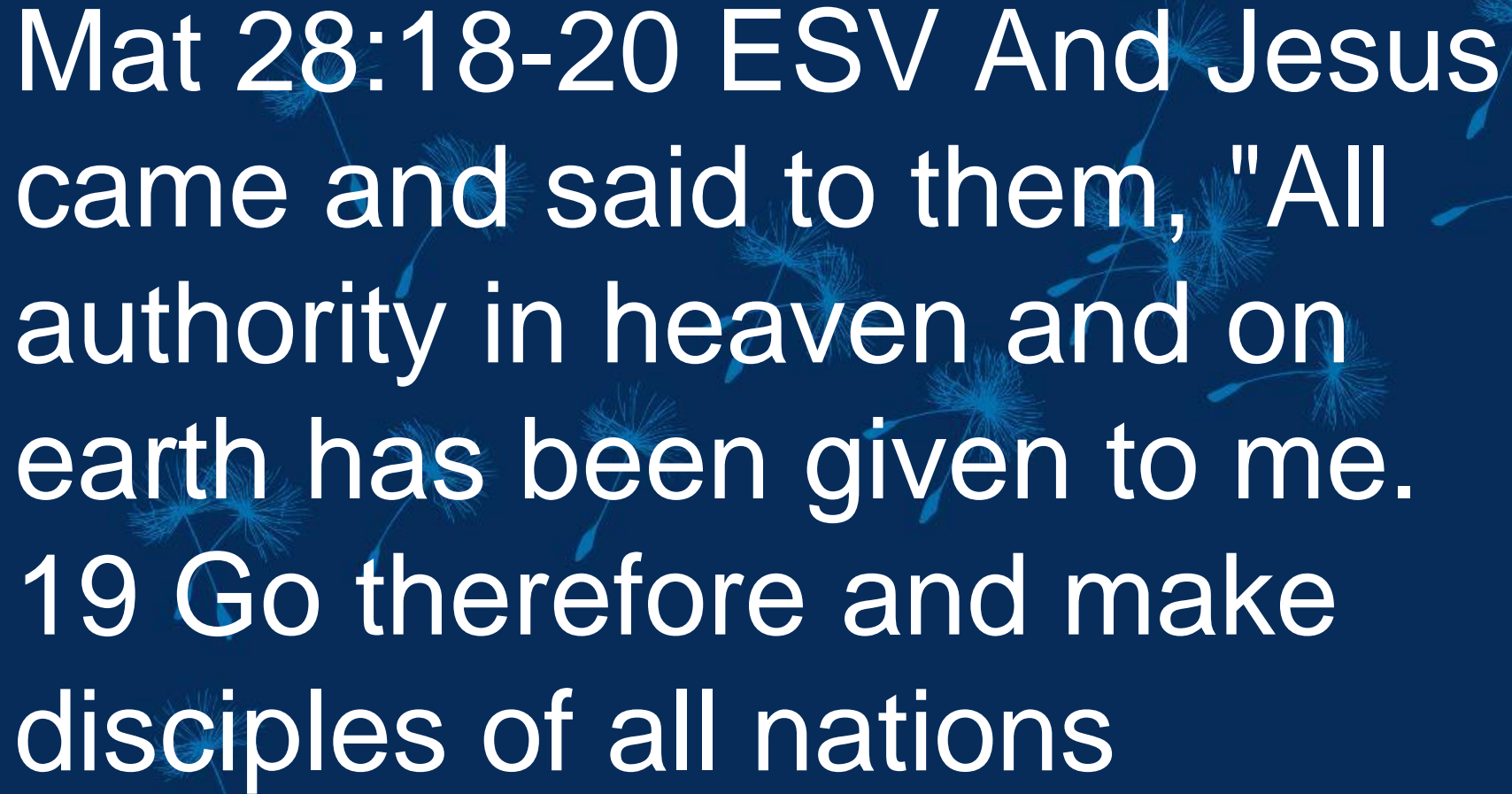
He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. (38) The field is the world, and ***the good seed is the sons of the kingdom.*** The weeds are the sons of the evil one

Jesus the greatest seed

John 12:23-24 ESV And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. 24 Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but *if it dies, it bears much fruit.*

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The GREAT
COMMISSION sounds
alot like "be fruitful,
multiply and fill the earth"



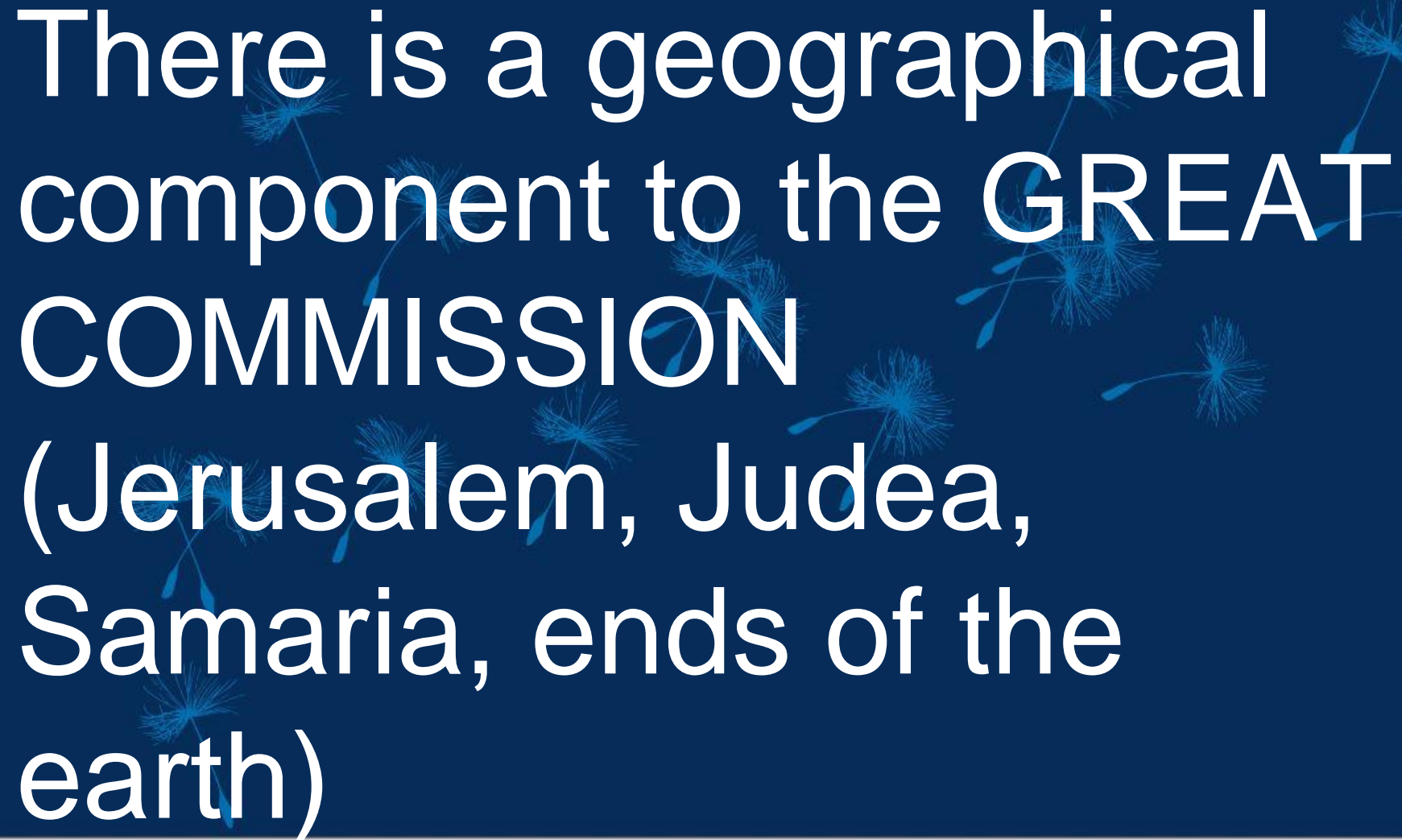
Mat 28:18-20 ESV And Jesus
came and said to them, "All
authority in heaven and on
earth has been given to me.
19 Go therefore and make
disciples of all nations

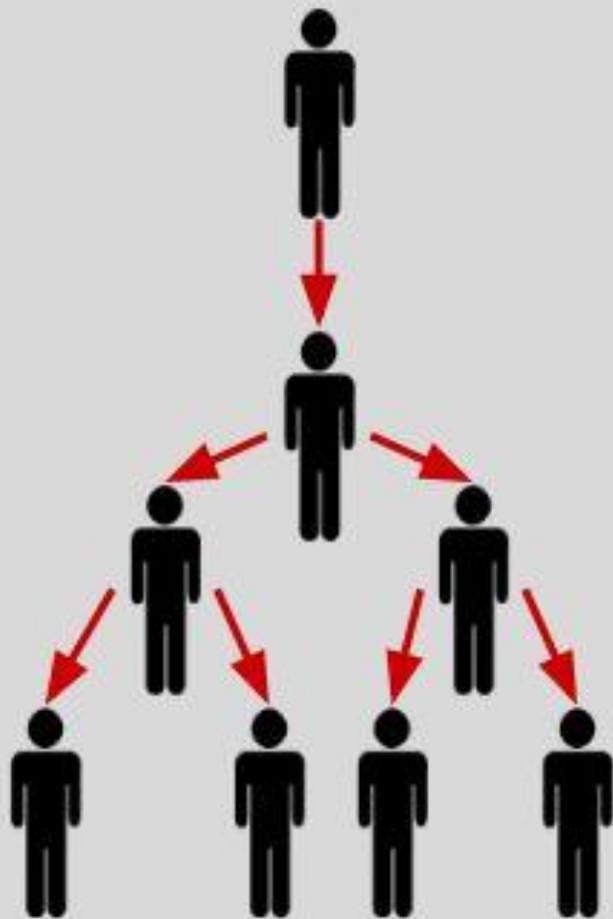
The natural outcome of
the GREAT
COMMISSION is the
creation of churches

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Act 2:41-47 ESV So those *who received his word* were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls. 42 And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

There is a geographical
component to the GREAT
COMMISSION
(Jerusalem, Judea,
Samaria, ends of the
earth)





2Ti 2:2 ESV and what *you* have heard from *me* in the presence of many witnesses entrust to *faithful men* who will be able to *teach others also.*

Be Fruitful, multiply and fill the earth is a spiritual process as well

1. The seed of God's word is sown by someone
2. We are born again with the seed of God's word
3. His seed lives in us & makes us a new creation
4. We in turn sow God's word into others
5. And in some cases we "go to the next town" - we are "planted"

Disciples were added

Act 2:46-47 ESV And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. **And the Lord added** to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Disciples were multiplied

Act 6:7 ESV 7 And the word of God continued to increase, and *the number of the disciples multiplied* greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

Churches were multiplied

Act 9:31 KJV Then had *the churches* rest throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, *were multiplied.*

There is a time for everything



Ecc 3:1-2 ESV For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: 2 a time to be born, and a time to die; *a time to plant*, and *a time to pluck up what is planted*;



