

INTRODUCTION

Matthew 28 contains what we call “The Great Commission”, which was given by Jesus to His disciples. At its core, it was meant to be carried out in community. As a church, how do we come alongside God’s heart – to seek and to save all who are lost (Luke 19:10; 2 Peter 3:9) – and make Christ known to the world around us?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is your first reaction when you hear the words “Great Commission” or “witnessing”?
2. Read the following passages which contain some of Jesus’ last words before His ascension into Heaven. Discuss the differences between the commissions, as well as how they relate to one another.

Matthew 28:16-20 _____

Mark 16:15-16 _____

Luke 24:46-49 _____

John 20:21-23 _____

Acts 1:7-8 _____

3. Where do we find our confidence in living out Jesus’ instructions (Matthew 28:20)?
4. In the message on Sunday, Aaron, Joe and David shared three ways to make Christ known. What are those three ways?
5. Read Hebrews 10:23-25, and discuss the importance of ‘gathering’ for believers.

Study Questions for Community Groups

6. Read Ephesians 4:11-16. What are the benefits of being in community as you ‘grow’ in your faith?
7. Read Colossians 4:3-6. After Paul asks for prayer, what are his instructions to the Colossians (and to us, by extension)? How can you do this as you ‘go’?
8. How do you feel about conversations with ‘outsiders’ when it comes to sharing Jesus? Do you ‘make the most of every opportunity’?

SCRIPTURE

¹⁶Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. ¹⁸Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. ¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Matthew 28:16-20

APPLICATION

Whether it is Gathering, Growing, or Going, what is one thing that God is asking you to do this week?