



Week of June 7, 2020

Matthew 28:16-20 (NRSV)

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them.

¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted.

¹⁸ 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, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."



Group Leader

Remember: you don't need to use all of the questions. Go with what works. Give people a chance to think before answering, but if a question falls flat, move on. Let the discussion go where it needs to go, as long as it remains centered around the lesson. Give the participants page 1. Use this page for yourself.

Gathering questions:

- A. Who was the best teacher you ever had? What subject was it?
- B. When you were a kid, what did you hate doing but you did it anyway? How do you feel about doing that today? And today, is there anything you hate doing but you do it anyway?

Bible Study Questions:

1. When Jesus says that "all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me," what kind of authority do you think he is referring to?
2. The word "doubt" is a translation of a Greek word that literally means "two positions" or "two stances". How much of a divide do you see between your secular life and your faith life? Where has faith entered your workplace?
3. Jesus said to teach people to "obey everything that I have commanded you." List the things you remember Jesus actually commanding us to do. How are you living into those things?
4. C.S. Lewis wrote: "Love in the Christian sense ... is a state not of feelings but of the will; that state of the will which we have naturally about ourselves, and must learn to have about other people." Do you believe that you can choose to love others?
5. To what extent do you think you actually love strangers or others you do not know? How does it show?
6. Jesus said to "go and make disciples." How do you live into the command to "go"? How can you "make" disciples?

Closing prayer: particularly invite prayers about ways in which we can love more broadly.