

**Life Group #6**  
Matthew 28:16-20

*Key objectives for the night: To see Jesus as God who has all authority in heaven and on earth. Including authority over our own lives. To respond to his commissioning by going and making disciples of all nations. To recognize that He is present with us as we go and make disciples.*

**Intro** (use your own words)

Each week we want to be together in community and get to know Jesus through the Bible. Many people have opinions about who Jesus is and why he came to earth. Instead of our opinions, we want to look at how Jesus describes himself and his purpose. Our goal is simple- we are going to read one of those passages and seek to answer 2 questions: Who is Jesus? How do I relate to Him and follow Him?

Each week we are going to give a little background to the passage, read it and break into smaller groups for discussion. It doesn't matter if you know a lot about Jesus or a little, we want everyone to be able to engage in the discussion.

This week we are going to look at an interaction between Jesus and His 11 main followers (or disciples). One of the core beliefs of Christianity is that Jesus is God, He came to earth lived a sinless life and died for the sins of mankind. 3 days after his death on the cross he rose from the grave and spent 40 days with his disciples before ascending into heaven. This story takes place at the end of the 40 days right before he ascends to heaven. These are some of his last words to his disciples.

Read Matthew 28:16-20

**Small Group Discussion**

- What is surprising or interesting in this passage?
- The author of this book (Matthew) was one of the 11 men on the mountain. Why do you think he recorded that some worshipped and some doubted?
- In what ways can you relate to the 11? In other words what causes you to worship Jesus? In what ways do you doubt Jesus?
- The disciples on the mountain with Jesus had spent 3 years with him and saw him raise from the dead. Some of them doubted and Jesus gave them the same command as those who did not doubt. What does this communicate to those of us who have our own doubts?
- How is Jesus described in this passage? (*He has all authority, He is God and He is present with those who follow Him*)
- Most of us don't want authorities to tell us how to live. Why do you trust Jesus as your authority? What would you like to learn about Jesus before you trust Him as your authority?
- In your own words- what does Jesus command his disciples to do?
- Do you think this command was only for those specific 11 disciples or is it for all disciples in all places and times? Why?
- What are ways we can live out this command in our world?
- Assuming Jesus knew that "some doubted," why do you think he gave them the command to go and make disciples? (*making disciples is not about their faith, it is about His authority and His presence*)
- What is one way this week you can live out this command from Jesus?
- The first step in making a disciple of Jesus is to talk about Jesus. Who is one person in your life whom you can talk to about Jesus?
- Pray for opportunities to talk to others about Jesus. Pray for our doubts.