



COMMITTED – COMMIT TO EVANGALISM

Community Group Study Guide: Matthew 28:16-20 – Week of February 5, 2023

Jesus Equipes and Sends us with:

1. The Clarity and Authority of His Word.

Jesus has already accomplished our salvation, and in turn we are sent out to proclaim His Gospel. This message is not complicated. While there is infinite depth to the message of the Gospel, it is also simple and clear. We are called to proclaim the need for all of us to repent and obey the Lord. Our response from our repentance is to love Him with everything and love others as we would ourselves. While simple, bringing this message is not easy. This is why we have to remember that we are sent out with God's authority. We are sent as ambassadors of Christ, proclaiming the good news of what the King has done for us. The King has offered amnesty to the all those who have wrong Him, if only they would confess their sins and lay down their arms against Him.

2. The Courage and Readiness of His Sovereignty

When we reflect on the sovereignty of God in salvation, we should be emboldened. We should remember that God is with us, so regardless of the outcomes or response, He is in control. We have an example of this courage in the story of Paul, who was often beaten, stoned, and persecuted, yet continued faithfully trusting in the providence of Gods sovereignty. When we remember that God is working all of our circumstances together for His purpose, it should prompt us to be ready to evangelize. We can begin to look at our relationships, our jobs, and our friends as God ordained opportunities to bring the Gospel. Furthermore, God often uses the faithful proclamation of the Gospel in ways we will never see. We are called to plant the seeds, and the Lord will provide the growth as He determines.

DISCUSSION GOALS

Head

An essential part of being a Christian is proclaiming the Gospel to others. We can do this boldly, knowing that God is sovereignly in control, and that He is with us always. The Gospel is clear and true, and is the power unto salvation.

Heart

We should not worry about the outcomes or consequences of proclaiming the Gospel. Not only are our fears almost never confirmed, but God is with us through all of it. He will not fail; therefore, we should put our faith in Him.

Hands

We should view every relationship as a chance to share the Gospel, and take full advantage of it.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baptism Seminar
February 12 @ 1 pm
Members Meeting
February 19 @ 1 pm

3. Comforting Power of His Presence

God has called us to be His ambassadors, and He has not left us to fend for ourselves. God has sent us the Holy Spirit. This fulfillment of the promise of God has given us a tremendous advantage. We now permanently have God with us. This inexhaustible resource should give us great comfort, knowing that we do not stand in our strength but in His. It should continue to stir up our fervor for all that He has called us to do, knowing that His power and sovereignty can use our submitted heart to accomplish all that we are called to.

Practical Tips

1. Pray Before You Preach (Eph 6:13-19)
2. Study Hard and Do Your Homework (2 Tim 3:14-17)
3. Don't Go Alone
4. Connect Before You Correct
5. Point People to Jesus
6. Call to Commitment
7. Continue to Trust God with the Growth

Read Matthew 28:16-20

1. Thinking of your own heart and experience.... Why are we so worried about sharing the truth with unbelievers? What are the reasons that you shy away from engaging in the most meaningful conversation?
2. One of the primary reasons that we hesitate to share the Gospel is that we worry about the consequences. What should our response to this? What/How do we preach to our own hearts in these moments of worry?
3. **Read Romans 2 Corinthians 5:17-21** How does this passage influence our presentation of the Gospel? How might it be used to counter objections that commonly result from the sharing of the Gospel?
4. What is an objection or principle that you find yourself struggling to answer well?
5. How, in your own words, would you briefly summarize the Gospel?
6. Where does the authority of the Gospel come from? How/Why does this authority embolden us?
7. Why is it to our advantage that Jesus has left us(physically)? Why does this benefit us and strengthen our courage to proclaim the Gospel? (John 16:5-7)
8. As a group, share the name of a person that you are committing to sharing the Gospel with. Pray for them by name over the coming week, and ask the Lord for courage and providence to share.