



## SERMON STUDY GUIDE

“Matthew 28:16-20” on November 18 & 21, 2021

### CONNECT

How did last week’s passage we read/discussed from Matthew 27:62-28:15 affect your week?

### DISCOVER: MATTHEW 28:16-20

- What did the passage say (in your own words) or did you take away from the sermon this week?
- How does this passage or did the sermon point you to Jesus (teach us about Jesus)?
- Did you find anything challenging about this passage (words you didn’t understand, phrases that didn’t make sense, etc.)?

**Matthew 28:16-20: Jesus gives the Great Commission to His disciples and to all followers for all time who will receive Jesus as their Savior – it is OUR Commission!**

**Matthew 28:18 Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me.”**

- What does ‘authority’ mean to you? Over what things do you have authority in this life?
- What do you think is the scope and meaning of Jesus’ words, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given Me’? Consider - What authority has He already shown throughout His ministry? Does this statement reflect that authority or refer to greater authority? What had Jesus done to be given any greater authority?

**Matthew 28:19-20a “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”**

- Matthew 10: 1-16 describes the first time Jesus sent His 12 disciples out, giving them authority; how does that sending out differ from this Commission? What changed?
- Why is the word ‘therefore’ significant to Jesus’ instructions? How does that impact you or encourage you to be involved in His Great Commission?
- What does ‘go’ look like in your life? How far will your ‘go’ reach, and how will you carry it out?
- What does it mean to you to ‘make disciples’? Can you give examples of people who have discipled you on your spiritual journey? What do we need to be able to give of ourselves to be able to go and make disciples?
- Baptism is a public acknowledgment of saying “Yes” to Jesus; have you publicly said “Yes!” to Him?

**Matthew 28:20b “And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” Jesus was soon to ascend into heaven, yet He promised His presence with us forever. Read John 14:15-20 and 25-26 along with John 16: 5-15 to see Jesus’ promises about the Holy Spirit.**

- Jesus uses the word ‘surely’ when He promises His presence with us; why do you think He would include that word, and how does that make you feel about His promise?
- How do the passages from the book of John encourage you to live out the Great Commission? How will you ask the Holy Spirit to equip you to meet this challenge?

**How has the study of Matthew grown you spiritually and enabled you to “Love God, Love People” in new ways?**



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### RESPOND

- How does this passage encourage you, challenge you, or change you in your efforts to become more like Jesus?
- What is one thing you learned about yourself from God's Word? How will you respond in obedience this week?
- Who is someone you can have a conversation with about what Jesus is doing in your life or invite to join you at a CU Church gathering.

### PRAY

... for each other and spend time praising God. Pray that he will show you how to better love God and love people.