

## Small Group Questions

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Doug Lowenberg from Ethiopia (The African Horn)

### **GETTING TO KNOW YOU:**

1. What has been your previous experience with missions? Mission trip? Local outreach? Listened to a missionary's presentation? Giving? What did you learn about God? What did you learn about yourself?

### **RECAP:**

The Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20) is not an encouragement, suggestion or advice. It is a command. These are some of the final words Jesus gave us before he left earth. Jesus' message is very simple and very clear, "I'm leaving. Now, here is what I want you to do." And God calls us to a sense of urgency for this mission. On Sunday, Doug Lowenberg shared about his vision to transform Ethiopia (The African Horn) by making disciples of Jesus.

2. Urgency isn't just about how quickly things need done; it's also a matter of how important it is to be done. How do you generally decide between what's urgent, what's important, and what gets your priority?

### **DIGGING DEEPER:**

**verses:** Matthew 28:16-20

Final words are significant words and we give them a lot of attention.

3. How is it significant that these words are the last words Jesus said to his disciples? How does *where* and *when* these words are spoken (not just who said them) add to their urgency and importance?
4. "Go" and "baptizing" and "teaching" are associated with "making disciples." Based on this, what does it mean to make disciples? What exactly is our assignment?
5. As we go, Jesus assures us that he will go with us (v20). His presence is intimately connected to His mission. How does that encourage you? How does this challenge you?

### **TAKING IT HOME:**

6. How can you live with a greater sense of urgency for God's mission? What would it look like for you to incorporate this more regularly in your everyday life?