

Dear Life Group Leaders,

Happy New Year! I hope you've had a restful Christmas break despite the uncertainty of these days we're living through. In times like this, it's really important for us to be intentional. Intentional in drawing close to God, worshiping him as the Lord of all and sovereign over all we're going through. Intentional in supporting one another through the ups and downs of this season. Intentional in telling others about the hope we have in Jesus and seeking to care for them however we can. This week's Guide focuses us on the Great Commission. You'll notice this Guide is shorter, so that you can have more time to pray together for the year ahead.

Next week we'll start a new sermon series going through the Gospel of John.

God bless, take care and stay strong,

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## **LIFE GROUP GUIDE**

### **Matthew 28:16-20**

**This Week's BIG IDEA:** Jesus promises to be with us and commissions us to go and make disciples.

**Please read Matthew 28:16-20.**

1. What does Jesus say about himself? What comfort does this give to us?  
*[Leaders note: that he has all authority. And that he will be with us, always.]*
2. What does Jesus command us to do?  
*[Leaders note: make disciples, baptise them, and teach them to obey.]*
3. What efforts will you make this year to remind yourselves of these truths and teaching, and to live them out in your day-to-day life?
4. Before we turn to prayer, spend some time considering the questions below. Use your answers to fuel your prayers.
  - a. What are your immediate concerns and worries for 2022?
  - b. What are your hopes for the year? Think of specific areas of your life like...
    - i. Relationships and friendships
    - ii. Work and finances
    - iii. Physical health and fitness
    - iv. Spiritual wellbeing and your walk with Jesus
    - v. Mission and serving others
  - c. What would you like to see God do this year?
  - d. How would you like to be more like Jesus at the end of this year?
5. Optional activity... you could turn your answers to the questions above into a letter or note you write to yourself to be opened on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022. (I've saved mine as a note on my calendar!)
6. Pray together.