

Life Group Study Guide
May 20-21, 2017
Dismissing Jesus: Make Disciples
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Take a moment before you start discussing this week's message to revisit last week's "Respond/Reinforce" section of the "One Thing You Need" Study Guide. Were you able to spend some personal time with the Lord last week? What difference did it make to you?

Reference:

Open in prayer and read Matthew 28:16-20.

Review:

What was one thing from this weekend's message or scripture reference that stood out to you?

Reflect:

1. Have you ever been disciplined by someone?
 - a. If so, what was it like and how did it impact your life and faith?
 - b. If not, is that something you feel has been missing?

2. If discipleship is so important why do you think so many Christians fail to make it a priority? Is it a priority for you? Why or why not?

3. Consider these passages and discuss how they add to your understanding of discipleship.
 - a. Colossians 1:6b-8
 - b. 1 Thessalonians 1:5b-10
 - c. 1 Thessalonians 2:7b-12

4. Why do you think Jesus made it a point to tell the disciples that, "All authority in heaven and on earth" (v. 18) had been given to him? What difference does that make to them? What difference does that make for you?

5. Discuss ways in which folks in your group can either be disciplined or disciple others. Who are the people in your life that come to mind?

Respond/Reinforce:

Spend time this week in prayer and ask God if there is someone you need to draw close to, either for the purpose of discipling them, or being disciplined by them. Talk to your Life Group Leader about this, or meet with someone from our Adult Ministry Team (Kay Warheit, Mike Hatch, Rob Bohnenstengel, Cindy Adams, or Ken Gryger) to find out more about how to move forward. We would love to help you take the next steps.