

Connect Group Discussion Guide – 4/23/2023

Matthew 28:16-20 The Great Commission

Video Link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQvR0S5fB8AzraGYts4eQfg> (Posted on Monday)

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Opening discussion: Jesus saw something in Matthew and made him Brand New. How has Jesus worked in your life to make you Brand New?

(NOTE to Leaders – listen for stories of life change and share with me!)

Highlights

- Why did Jesus stick around after His resurrection?
 - To continue to teach His disciples.
 - His message and ministry was not finished.
- Matthew was very meticulous and wrote about Jesus with a lot of detail. **If that was you, what is the last thing you would write about?**
- **Matthew 28:16** The disciples did what they were told, and we seem to read that a lot. **Could a writer write that about you? If not, what's the difference between them and you?**
- **Matthew 28:17** worship = they moved toward Him with affection; literally to kiss Him.
 - Worship is a way to say I love you and you're in control.
 - It's possible to worship people and things who are not God.
 - **What or who do you worship?**
 - It's different for them this time. They are worshipping the RISEN SAVIOR; the fullness of God.
 - They worshipped Him but doubted. A part of them still wasn't sure!
 - We can worship and doubt at the same time. See Mark 9:22-24: I believe, help me with my unbelief.
 - **Have you worshipped and doubted at the same time?**
 - Your doubt is not a sign of spiritual failure. It is a sign of your humanity!
- **Matthew 28:17** All authority – Jesus is asserting His equality with the Father and Spirit. Fully God and fully man. He doesn't have to ask anyone permission for anything. In a non-prideful way He is saying, I can do what I want!
 - **Therefore** – our response to His authority is everything that follows.
- **Matthew 28:19-20** The Great Commission
 - Go – as you journey through the world
 - Make – does not mean force. It means as you journey and come across people, help them become a follower and teach them how to live as a follower. How to live a BRAND NEW life.
 - Baptize – when you make a decision to follow Jesus. That is when your new life begins.
 - You're saying to the Lord, I'm taking every step You're taking.

- **Are you ready for baptism? (May 21st after service)**
- Obey – to guard, to hold close to what Jesus has commanded; His way of living.
- End of the Age – I will be with you until there is no more time like there was before creation.
- Always = all ways: individually and collectively

Why does this matter?

- 1. Because of the authority of Jesus we should live out His mission courageously (not pridefully)**
- 2. The mission of Jesus is unstoppable with or without your involvement.**
 - a. He conquered death so He can do anything.
 - i. He doesn't need you, he chooses to partner with broken people who choose to follow and trust Him.
- 3. Don't let doubt take you out. Worship Him anyway!**

What can I do?

- 1. Write down the name of someone in your life who needs to hear the message of Jesus this week.**
 - a. Invite the group to share with you those names so you can pray for them as a group.
- 2. Are you ready for baptism?**
 - a. Invite anyone who is to contact me, or let you know and you let me know.

We become Brand New when we worship through doubt and recognize we have been commissioned to share the gospel and help others become Everyday Disciples.

Prayer