



Share
October 18, 2026

Read & Reflect

READ: Matthew 28:1–10, 16–20; Matthew 14:25–33

As you read, notice how fear, joy, worship, and hesitation appear together. Consider how Jesus' authority and promised presence equip ordinary people to share His good news.

Understand the Moment

Matthew 28 moves from the empty tomb to Jesus commissioning His followers. The women leave with fear and joy, carrying news of His resurrection. Later, the disciples worship Jesus, yet some hesitate.

Jesus doesn't wait for everyone to feel completely confident. He announces His authority, commands them to make disciples, and promises His continuing presence.

Making disciples includes going, baptizing, and teaching people to obey Jesus. We participate through everyday relationships: having good conversations, acknowledging God naturally, and sharing the gospel as opportunities open. Our confidence rests in the risen Jesus who sends us and stays with us.

Process Together or Alone

- What does the presence of both worship and hesitation in Matthew 28 reveal about following Jesus?
- What most often keeps you from sharing your faith?
- How does Jesus' authority change the way you approach an uncomfortable conversation?
- What might a natural God conversation sound like in your everyday relationships?
- How could you help someone continue following Jesus after an initial faith conversation?

Follow Jesus This Week

Listen

- What might Jesus be saying about the fear that keeps you quiet?
- Which part of His promise in Matthew 28 do you need to remember?

Obey

- What small step toward a conversation have you been postponing?
- When will you make room to listen to someone this week?

Share

- Who could hear how Jesus is changing your life?
- How could you naturally acknowledge God without forcing the conversation?

Care

- Who needs prayer for a struggle they have shared with you?
- What practical act of kindness could show that person you care?



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Live It Out

Choose one person you can intentionally love and pray for this week. Practice this simple rhythm:

Good → God → Gospel.

Start a good conversation. Ask a thoughtful question and listen. When appropriate, acknowledge God's goodness or offer to pray. If the person is open, share how Jesus has brought freedom from your past, new life today, and hope for the future.

Follow up on what they share rather than treating the conversation as finished.

Remember: You can take a faithful step before you feel fearless.

Pray

- Thank Jesus for His authority and continuing presence.
- Name the fears that keep you from sharing your faith.
- Pray for your "next one" to encounter Jesus.
- Ask for opportunities to listen, serve, and speak with love.
- Pray for patience and faithfulness as relationships grow.

Jesus, You know where I hesitate and what I'm afraid of. Help me trust Your authority and remember that You are with me. Open my eyes to the people around me. Teach me to listen well, love sincerely, and speak honestly about You. Give me courage for the next faithful step and patience to keep caring. Help me make disciples who make disciples. Amen.

Group Leader Optional Questions

Opening Question:

When has someone helped you feel comfortable having a conversation about something important?

Closing Reflection:

Who is one person you will pray for this week, and what specific step will you take toward a meaningful conversation?