



# COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Week of 8/4/24

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## Opener (10 minutes or less)

"What's one experience or moment in your life that significantly shaped who you are today, and how has it influenced your perspective or decisions?"

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## DISCUSSION (50 minutes or less)

*Begin your discussion time in prayer.*

**Scripture Reading: Matthew 28:1-20**

Questions:

1. What stands out to you from this passage and/or Sunday's teaching? What was new, challenging, or encouraging?
  2. How does the resurrection of Jesus impact your understanding of His identity and mission?
  3. What do you think the women's reaction to the angel and the empty tomb reveals about their faith and expectations?
  4. Why do you think Jesus chose to first appear to the women and give them the task of telling the disciples?
  5. How does the message of the Great Commission challenge or inspire you personally in your faith journey?
  6. In what ways do you experience or see the presence of Jesus in your daily life, as promised in verse 20? What does that mean for you in times of uncertainty or struggle?
  7. How can the message of the resurrection and the Great Commission influence the way we interact with others in our communities?
  8. What does it mean to "make disciples of all nations" in a contemporary context? How can we effectively carry out this mission today?
  9. What role does faith play in accepting and embracing the message of the resurrection and the call to discipleship?
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## PERSONAL (30 minutes or less)

1. Oikos - the 8 to 15 people God supernaturally and strategically places in your life. Any oikos moments you would like to share..
2. What is going on in your life (note prayer requests and praise reports)
3. Pray

## Matthew 28:1-20

Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. 2 And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. 3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. 4 And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. 5 But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. 6 He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he<sup>[a]</sup> lay. 7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." 8 So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. 9 And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

### The Report of the Guard

11 While they were going, behold, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests all that had taken place. 12 And when they had assembled with the elders and taken counsel, they gave a sufficient sum of money to the soldiers 13 and said, "Tell people, 'His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep.' 14 And if this comes to the governor's ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." 15 So they took the money and did as they were directed. And this story has been spread among the Jews to this day.

### The Great Commission

16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. 17 And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. 18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in<sup>[b]</sup> the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."