

# Community Group Discussion Guide

Week of May 9 - May 15, 2021

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## The Risen Life

### Matthew 26:18-20: The Great Commission

#### GETTING TO KNOW YOU

If you were elected President, what would your first action be? Who would be your running mate?

#### QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time, caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

#### MAIN POINTS

To be a follower of Jesus means being called to carry out His purpose by His power and with the promise of His presence.

#### DIGGING DEEPER

1. **Read Matthew 28: 18-20.** Discuss the meaning of the following words in context with the message Jesus is giving to His followers:
  - a. Authority
  - b. Disciples
  - c. Baptizing
  - d. Teaching
  - e. Observe
  - f. End of the age
2. **Read Mark 16:15.** Based on this passage, what appears to be Jesus' primary focus for the Apostles?
  - a. Does this in any way conflict with what was said in Matthew 28:18-20? Why or why not?

- b. Do you believe the message in this passage is only intended for “preachers” i.e. pastors, priests, ministers, etc.? Why or why not? If not, then how does it apply to those who don’t speak from the pulpit?
- 3. Read the following passages and discuss their common message as it relates to Matthew 28:18-20:
  - a. **Matthew 10:40**
  - b. **John 5:30**
  - c. **John 8:18**
  - d. **John 9:4**
  - e. **John 12:49**
- 4. **Read Acts 1:8.** Based on this passage, how are we empowered to carry out the Great Commission?
  - a. Where are we asked to witness about the Gospel message? Discuss the relationship of Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria to our current location.
  - b. Based on what we have studied, how would you describe your understanding of our main sentence: *To be a follower of Jesus means being called to carry out His purpose by His power and with the promise of His presence.*
  - c. In what ways can we, as followers of Jesus, fulfill His calling in the Great Commission?

## TAKING IT HOME

Looking back at this week’s study, what is important for you to remember and why?

## PRAISE & PRAYER REQUESTS

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