



SDG Discussion Guide

"The Great Commission"

Matthew 28:16-20

June 11, 2017

For starters:

What relaxes you more -- alone, quiet time? Or active time with friends? What "fills your tank" more than anything else right now?

Interaction with the text (The following questions are meant to provide points of interaction with the respective sermon texts. Feel free to forward the questions to your small group members ahead of the respective Sunday; or, group members may find these questions in print on that Sunday. Further, feel free to facilitate your own small group discussion regarding the respective texts.).

1. Upon seeing the resurrected Jesus, how do the disciples respond (v 17)?
2. Why do you think that doubt is mingled with worship (v 17)?
3. Describe the commission Jesus gives his disciples? Are you drawn to any particular part of it this time in your reading -- what stands out most and why?
4. How does Jesus equip his disciples to carry out the commission?
5. How did the reality of Jesus' resurrection "hit home" with you? Were you quick to believe, or did it take you longer to navigate through some doubt? What was your experience?
6. How would you explain the importance of the Resurrection to someone that's not a Christian?
7. In what ways can we sometimes tend to treat our faith like a salad bar, where we pick and choose the pieces that we want? What are the pieces that we want and the pieces that we typically leave out? How does doing this affect us?
8. As you consider the passage anew, do you notice anything in you that keeps you back in sharing the Good News with others? Feeling like you don't know enough? Feeling like you don't have time? Feeling like others are more natural at it? Ignoring it?

If so, what would relax and help you (discuss this point with your group members to learn what others have discovered)?

9. How would you like to experience Jesus' living presence this week? How can the group pray for you?