

Small Group Study – Week of 4/8/2007

This week the study guide is not being included in the bulletin so you may need to distribute this to your small group if you do not already do so.

Memory Verse: Matthew 28:19-20 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

Come and See, Go and Tell:

In Matthew 28 we see the appearing of Jesus and His impact on His followers is great as they see the risen Lord. After revealing Himself to them, He commissions them to go and tell the world. He commissions us as well. This week we will be discussing how you can go and tell the world about our risen Lord and Savior.

1. If Jesus were writing the message of our memory verse, Matthew 28:19-20, directly to you, what do you think He would say specifically to you?

Let people think about whom and how God is calling them into ministry based upon personal calling, people in their life, the place God has placed them into...

2. What does it mean to make disciples?

Jesus wants followers who put their trust in Him and give their lives up to Him. Making disciples begins with a decision to accept and follow Jesus and continues with making Him the Lord of your life. This is a pursuit of every believer.

3. What limits does Jesus put on making disciples?

He says to go to all nations. Everyone, regardless of race, color, personality, religious belief, political affiliation, enemy or friend...is in need of being a disciple of Christ. We are called to go and make disciples of all nations. We should start right where God has placed our hearts.

4. What promise does Jesus make us in making disciples?

To be with us always. He will do the work and will never leave us or forsake us. We can trust in Him.

5. If Jesus were living your life tomorrow, who do you think He would approach and reveal Himself to first?

Allow people to share names of people God has placed in their lives that don't know Jesus and allow them to consider how much Jesus desires to have a relationship with those people. Let this discussion develop a list of prayer requests for your group.

6. What does this tell you about your own commission?

Daily Reading Schedule:

- Day #1 Sin and Separation from God: Romans 3:23, Isaiah 59:2
- Day #2 God's Remedy – The Cross: Romans 5:8, 1 Timothy 2:4-6, John 5:24
- Day #3 Our Response – Receive Christ: Romans 10:9-13, John 1:12, Acts 10:43
- Day #4 His Peace – Romans 5:1, Philippians 4:6, 2 Thessalonians 3:16
- Day #5 His Promise – Romans 8:37-39, 1 John 4:4, Hebrews 13:6