



SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

DATE 2/21/18

BIBLE PASSAGE Matthew 28:16-20

1. KNOW THE CONTEXT

The Books of Matthew is a collection of stories about the life and teachings of Jesus.

In this book Matthew shows us how important Jesus really is. He is God's Son come to live among the people He created and rescue us from our sins. Matthew also showcases Jesus as the greatest teacher of all time. His teachings stand as some of the most important lessons the world has ever seen.

In this passage, the disciples are seeing Jesus for the first time since He was crucified. Jesus has risen from the dead and they are seeing Him alive! Jesus is communicating a game plan for the disciples.

These words from Jesus are called "The Great Commission". This is what Jesus wants His disciples to do and what He wants all His followers to do.

2. READ THE BIBLE PASSAGE TOGETHER

3. SPEND TIME IN OBSERVATION

Which verses, ideas, or characters stuck out to you?
What questions could come from this passage?

Observation notes:

Questions:

4. SPEND TIME IN INTERPRETATION

What did this passage mean to the original audience?

What would it have felt like to be a character in this passage, and who in the passage is the hero/role model (if any)?

What's the main point of this passage?

Questions	Answers
Why did some of the disciples doubt that it was Jesus?	In all of history, nobody has ever risen from the dead like Jesus did. They saw where His body was placed. It was as if a ghost appeared to them.
What does "go and make disciples of all nations" mean?	This is a command from Jesus, telling the disciples to create more followers of Jesus and His teachings.
What is our role in Jesus' command?	As followers/disciples, we are to also "go and make disciples".
What does Jesus mean by, "I am with you always, even to the end of the age"?	This could mean a couple things. One could be that through the Holy Spirit is with us. It also foreshadows to the fact that Jesus will one day come back for us.

5. SPEND TIME IN APPLICATION

What is the "universal truth" God wants to teach us from this passage?

How can we apply the message of this passage to our daily lives?

How has the "Great Commission" played out in you coming to know and follow Jesus?

What can you do to "make disciples of all nations"?

6. PRAY

Follow-up notes: