

Sent: With you always Matthew 28:16-20

Jesus has summoned his disciples to a mountain in Galilee. He tells them that all authority is his and that they should make disciples all over the world, baptizing them and teaching them to obey his commandments. He promises to be with them always.

Read this week's passage:



Living Scripture

'Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit'
Matthew 28:19

This command of Jesus echoes through time as the Great Commission, the mission Jesus gave the disciples. Often, we talk about 'converting' people to Christianity, and this has led some to reject evangelism as incompatible with a multi-cultural society. However, 'disciples' comes from a Greek word *mathetes*, which translates as 'learner'. We are to go and make 'learners' from all nations. We are not looking to make people like us; we are not looking to change their behaviour – we are tasked with bringing people to a place where they commit themselves to learning from Jesus. Indeed, as we see other people learning to follow Jesus, we might find ourselves learning from them. How do they encounter God the Father? What difference has Jesus' work on the cross had on them? What is the Holy Spirit teaching them as they read the Bible? When we see ourselves as 'learners', we are free from the pressure to have our faith 'sorted' and then we can invite other people to learn from Jesus along with us.

What have you learned from Jesus this week? How can you learn more from him in the coming week? Who could you share what you're learning with?

First impressions

- What role does a caddy play in golf?
- When might we forget that Jesus is with us?
- Where do you sense Jesus sending you?



Build a domino run with dominoes, playing cards or books. As you build it, reflect on and discuss who has impacted your life and faith. Is there anyone you have had an impact on?

Learn

If you only had five words you could use to tell someone what God means to you, what words would you choose? Challenge each other to learn how to say those words in a different language or using Makaton or BSL. You may have to do some research!

DRAW



Draw a timeline of your life. Where can you identify God at work in your life? Take time to pray over these, acknowledging honestly the feelings they evoke in you and bringing these to God.

Pray



Loving God, you have sent us out to help others learn about you.
Help us to be brave in sharing what you have taught us
and remind us that you are with us, wherever we are, whoever we're with.
May we continue the work you gave to your disciples and know you beside us, as they did.
Amen.

Read



Read the whole of Matthew 28, where Mary and the disciples discover that Jesus is alive again, then hear him speak to them in person, one last time.

