

WEEK 2 DEVOTIONAL

Go Where the Spirit Leads

RECEIVE

Slowly. Prayerfully, read and/or listen to **Matthew 18:16–20**, two times. Before and after each reading, pray asking the Spirit of Christ to guide you into knowing and living what you are receiving from the Scriptures. Consider, what does God want you to reflect on and learn from?

REFLECT

- While the disciples were still reeling from the news of Jesus' resurrection, they went to a specific mountain in Galilee and as Jesus instructed. There, He gave the Great Commission. Has God ever given you specific instructions during a very emotional time? How did you respond? What do you think of your response in hindsight? How do you allow yourself to be directed by God?
- 2. Verse 17 tells us that the disciples saw Jesus and worshipped Him, but some doubted. Their doubt did not stop Jesus' command. People often say that emotions make good passengers, but terrible drivers. Do you find yourself obeying your emotions or obeying Jesus despite your emotions?What primary emotions are directing your actions currently?

- 3. Jesus instructs us to go and make disciples of all nations according to His teachings. What resources, groups, and individuals are you engaging with to continue your own discipleship? According to the Scriptures below, what does it look like to be a disciple of Jesus?
 - 2 Corinthians 3:18
 - Luke 9:23
 - Ephesians 4:22–24
 - John 13:13–17
 - Ephesians 5:1–2
 - 1 John 2:6
- 4. How can you look for more opportunities to intentionally invest in others and encourage them toward Jesus? Can you identify one person in your life that you could begin mentoring toward Jesus?
- 5. In verse 20, Jesus promises to be with us always. How can you be more aware of God's presence with you as you share your faith and encourage others toward Jesus?

RESPOND

Want to learn more about making disciples?

- Join one of our discipleship communities. To learn more about our life groups contact us at <u>groups@ChristChurch.us</u>.
- Discipleship Essentials: A Guide to Building Your Life in Christ by Rev. Dr. Greg Ogden
- Transforming Discipleship by Rev. Dr. Greg Ogden
- <u>Witness Essentials: Evangelism that Makes Disciples</u> by Rev. Dr. Daniel Meyer
- <u>Spiritual Formation: What it is, and How it is Done article</u> by Dallas Willard

Matthew 28:16-20 | New International Version

¹⁶Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ 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, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."



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