



**Topeka Bible Church**  
**NextStep, Message #16:**  
***"Your Next Step, His Last Command"***  
**Community Group Study Questions**  
**Matthew 28:16-20 and selected passages**

1. Imagine if you were present with Jesus during His final hours on earth before His ascension (cf. Acts 1:6-9). What do you think He would say? Why did Matthew conclude his gospel with these verses (Matthew 28:16-20)?
2. Jesus had already told the disciples to go to Galilee, before His crucifixion and resurrection (Matthew 26:32; cf. 28:5-7, 16). What was the significance of Jesus meeting His disciples here (Luke 1:26-27; 2:4-5; Mark 1:9)?
3. How could some of Jesus' disciples worship Him while others doubted (Matthew 28:17; Mark 16:11)? What was granted to Jesus by God the Father in Matthew 28:18 (Ephesians 1:20-21)? Why is this significant in light of what Jesus commands next?
4. Why is God so concerned with this business of "making disciples" (Matthew 28:19)? How do you "make" a disciple exactly? What must first happen in order for a disciple to be "made" (Romans 10:13-15)? Why aren't we more involved in this process?

5. How extensive should our evangelism be (cf. *Isaiah 49:6; Luke 24:46-47; Acts 1:8*)? When we think of evangelism, why do we naturally become afraid? If Jesus has been given all authority and if He is with us forever, (*Matthew 28:20; Acts 18:9-10*) what do we have to fear?

6. Describe a time when you shared the gospel with someone. What happened? Were your words well received or not? How important is our role in evangelism to those who are lost (*2 Timothy 4:2-5; 1 Peter 3:5*)? Aren't we disobeying Jesus when we fail to share the gospel?

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7. **NextStep APPLICATION:** Who in your life needs to hear the truth of the gospel this week? What is prohibiting you from sharing it? Who can you ask to pray for you as you prepare to share? How can you be involved in evangelism on a world-wide level?

**Memory Verse:**

**"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."**

(*Matthew 28:19, NIV*)

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