



Zoom & In Person Community Group Lessons – April 27 & May 1, 2022

WHAT WE CAN DO FOR JESUS

Main Point

- Jesus has gone to heaven, but we have the Holy Spirit to help us. We will discover the joy of living for Jesus...for He is always with us.

Scripture

- Matthew 28:16-20
 - Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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 told you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age'.

Prayer Time

- Spend a couple of minutes in praise and prayer to God.

Praise and Worship

- This is Amazing Grace – Phil Wickham
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cgsbaBlaoVc&list=RDdsiDukXleVY&index=6>
- Resurrecting – Elevation Worship
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aHGFNUIEZ8M>

Memory Verse

- John 3:16
 - *"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."*

Review of Last Week

- Last week we learned that Jesus helps us believe that He is our living Saviour; we learned about how Jesus came to His friends, the disciples, and showed that He was alive. Thomas wasn't there and doubted that Jesus was alive.

Jesus showed Thomas His hands and feet and asked him to stop doubting and believe.

- Also, did you tell someone at your house what you would say if Jesus were to show up at your house? What did you tell them?

Lesson

- We now come to the story when Jesus sends out His disciples into the world. He rose from the dead, appeared to His disciples many times, and taught them about who He truly was.
- Jesus' disciples were gathered at a mountain in Galilee because Jesus had told them to meet Him there.
- The disciples obeyed Jesus' instructions and waited for Him at the mountain. This was a public place so it is possible that there are many other people around as well. As the disciples are gathered together, Jesus appears to them.
- Stop now and let's read verse 17.
 - *"When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted".*
- The people in that crowd reacted in 2 ways. What were their reactions? (*worship & doubt*)
- In every crowd there are those that believe in Jesus and they worship Him. In that same crowd there are those people have not believed in Jesus so they had doubts about who He really is.
 - Which group do you fit in?
 - Do you believe in Jesus and are here to worship or are you in the other group where you still doubt?
 - Do you need help in this area?
- As Jesus met with His disciples, He knew that He was going to have to go back to Heaven soon. He would be leaving this earth soon so He gave His disciples some very important instructions.
- Jesus instructed His disciples to go out and share the Good News about how Jesus died on the cross for our sins, was buried and was raised from the dead on the third day. The disciples were also to teach people how to be followers of Jesus and to obey His commandments.
- Jesus also gave His disciples a promise that followed His instructions. Read the last part of Matthew 28:20.
 - *"I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*
- What did Jesus promise? (*that He would always be with His disciples to the end of the age*)

- If Jesus was going to leave the earth soon and return to His Heavenly Father how could He always be with His disciples? *(Jesus had promised the disciples that God was going to send the gift of the Holy Spirit).*
- The Holy Spirit would live inside the heart of each of Jesus' disciples. With the Holy Spirit living inside of believers, Jesus' presence would always be with them wherever they went.
- You can find out what the disciples did after Jesus returned to heaven in the Book of Acts.
- The same instructions Jesus gave to His disciples before He returned to heaven are for us today. If you and I are believers, we need to be sharing, with others, the Good News about Jesus. We need to be obedient to what God's word teaches us so we can share that with others.

Application & Group Discussion

- What instructions did Jesus give to His disciples? *(to go and make disciples, or to tell others about Jesus and what He did for us)*
- What did Jesus promise His disciples? *(He was always going to be with us)*
- How would the disciples have the power to obey His instructions? *(the Holy Spirit will come and help)*
- What is the Good News again? What should we be sharing? *(Telling them about Jesus and how he Jesus died on the cross and rose again, and we need to ask Him to be our forever friend and Saviour)*

Live It Out Challenge

- This week, think about someone who you need to tell them about the Good News about Jesus. Remember to share that with Pastor Corinne so that she can pray for you and that person.

Additional Learning

- Below is a word search puzzle and a colouring page. Enjoy as you reflect on what you just read and how we can go out and tell others about what Jesus has done for us!

The Great Commission

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." Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV)



Complete the activity.

The words below have been written in code. Use the hints in the decoder at the top of the page to help break the code (the letters on top are the correct answers, the letters on the bottom are the code). Write the correct word on the line provided beside each code word.

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