

BIBLE STUDY QUESTIONS...

Opening...

- Describe a situation when you were super excited to tell somebody about something? (examples: pregnancy, engagement, new job, etc...) What motivated you to want to tell others?
- Pray for this time in God's Word— that we would hear from the text and from each other as the Holy Spirit guides us!

Background...

- **Skim Matthew 28:1-15.** What events take place in these verses? Note the different responses to these events.

Study...

- **Read Matthew 28:16-20.** How do the eleven disciples respond to Jesus in verses 16-17? Why such contrasting reactions?
- How do you see those different kinds of responses to Jesus in our world today? How about in your own heart and life?
- Now that Jesus has risen from the dead, what does he want the eleven disciples to do (verses 18-20) and why?
- Discuss the significance of the actions, order, and reach mentioned in Jesus's commission to the disciples?
- How does Jesus reassure them?

Think about it...

- Do you think this commission is just for the eleven disciples or for all of Jesus's followers? Why or why not?
- If it is for his followers today, how have you (and how will you) participate in this great commission? When? How can your church community help you in it?
- Pray together— that God would reveal opportunities and motivation to fulfill this mandate through you and our church, remembering that he is with us always!

Matthew 28:16-20 (NIV)

16 Then 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."