

Sermon Title: The Kingdom Commission: Sent by the Risen King

Sermon Scripture: Matthew 28:1-10; 16-20



Sermon Discussion Guide (4/20)

Begin the discussion by checking in with each person present and share prayer requests/praises with the group. Then, have one person offer a prayer for the group making sure to include any prayer requests that were mentioned earlier.

Scripture

Read Matthew 28:1-20 out loud. Discuss any initial thoughts you have about these verses.

Observation

What are the women told to do after they see that Jesus is no longer in the tomb?

How do the women respond to these instructions? According to verse 8, what emotions do the women feel as they respond?

How is verse 18 and verse 20b related to the commission that Jesus gives in verses 19-20a? In other words, what do verses 18 and 20b reveal to us about how we will have the ability to carry out the commission of verses 19-20a?

What do Jesus's words reveal to us about the calling or mission of all disciples?

Application

What is the difference between being a volunteer of a good cause and being an agent in the Kingdom mission of redemption? Which role do you most often see yourself in? Why do you think this is?

Our calling to make disciples is lived out in our schools, homes, and places in the community where we encounter others. In the everydayness of life, what are some ways that you can invite others to join you in abiding in Jesus, becoming like Jesus, and doing as Jesus did?

How does knowing that you are sent by the authority of Jesus give you encouragement as you seek to make disciples? How does it help you to carry out your mission, even during times of fear or uncertainty?

Pastor Kenny concluded the sermon by asking the following two questions: A) Have you encountered the risen Jesus? B) Where is Jesus calling you to go? How would you respond to these two questions? What step of obedience will you take this week to respond to God's call upon your life?

Prayer

God, we lift our voices to you in praise, knowing that Your Son has conquered sin and death. We thank You that we are indeed Easter people. We know it is only through what You have done for us that we have an opportunity for our sins to be forgiven so that we can enter into a relationship with You. We ask You to fill our hearts with the joy and the hope of the resurrection and to send us out in Your power so that those we share life with may also come to know and be transformed by the salvation found in Jesus Christ.