



into
LIFE
Study guide



Matthew 28

For Individuals and Life Groups

January 10, 2016



Introduction:

In the passage you are looking at today there is a section that has become known as the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20). It isn't a great suggestion or a great request. It is Jesus' last words to his disciples before going to be with the Father. Really this passage is an everyday commission that Jesus calls us to live out in our daily lives. It is an incredible partnership and privilege that followers have received, to walk as Jesus walked.

Into the scriptures

Read: Matthew 28

What do you notice about the passage itself? (Structure, repeated words or ideas, unique words, main points...)



The angel is the first messenger of the event that Jesus rose from the dead. What is the significance of this? Why go back to Galilee (see: Matthew 3:13-17)?

What were the women going to do? How does their mission take on a radical shift?

The guards and religious leaders witness a miracle. What is their response? Why?

Into my life



The one command in Matthew 28:19-20 is “Make Disciples.” There are also three action words (participial phrases):

1. Going
2. Baptizing
3. Teaching to obey

What is the significance of each one for a follower of Jesus? What space is their in your life for you to be part of this everyday commission? (Pray for each other regarding this)

What does make disciples mean to our church? What has our church done with Christ's most important call? How do we need to refocus to see this happen more and more?

Jesus said he would always be with us and gave us the Holy Spirit as a promise and reminder. How can this give you motivation and comfort?

Into the world



What can you do to help your church see the importance of the everyday commission? How could this change our church, our neighborhoods, our city?



Prayer List



Challenge for the week:

From Matthew 28 my challenge this week is to:



More Resources for personal and group use:



Websites:

<https://www.multiplymovement.com/>



This is an incredible discipleship tool that is free to use with large or small groups.



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