

The Commissioning of Jesus

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As you join this discussion, let the Holy Spirit guide you. Share your thoughts and reflect on the message. Work through the guide by reading Scripture and answering a few questions.

Open Up:

- Have you ever been on a Global Connection (mission trip)? Tell us about it.
- If you were to go on a Global Connection trip, where would you like to go?
- If you had to pick a historical or fictional character to be your travel buddy on a Global Connection trip, who would you choose and why?"

Read Together:

Matthew 28:16-17

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.

Matthew 28:18-20

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 commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every

Philippians 2:6-11

Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Isaiah 52:8, 10

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation...and all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God.

Habakkuk 2:14

For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

Revelation 7:9-10

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

Matthew 28:17

"When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. "

Matthew 28:20

...And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

Discuss Together:

- What stands out to you about the setting of the Great Commission on a mountain? How does this connect with other key mountain moments in Scripture?
- Jesus says, *"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me."* What does it mean for Jesus to have "all authority"? How should that impact the way we respond to his commission?
- In the Great Commission, Jesus commands his followers to *"make disciples."* How do baptism and teaching work together in this mission? Why are both important?
- Matthew includes the line, *"They worshiped him, but some doubted."* Why do you think doubt and worship can exist at the same time? Have you ever experienced that tension in your own spiritual life?

- Jesus ends the commission with a promise: *"I am with you always."*
How have you experienced the presence of Jesus in seasons of transition, hesitation, or uncertainty?
- The early church grew not through programs, but through everyday people sharing their faith. Where might God be calling you to live out your faith in a more intentional way right now?
- This week, you are not being *"sent back to normal"* but *"sent on mission."*
What's one step you can take this week to be part of Jesus' mission—whether it's in your home, neighborhood, workplace, or beyond?

Pray :

Ask God to give you eyes to see the people around you who need encouragement, truth, or hope, and the courage to respond with love, intentionality, and obedience. Pray for a deeper awareness of His presence with you as you go, and for the boldness to live out your faith beyond the walls of the church.

Invitation:

Have each group member write down the name of someone in their life they feel God may be calling them to pray for, encourage, or walk with in discipleship. Encourage them to begin praying daily for that person and to look for one opportunity this week to take a small step toward intentional connection or spiritual conversation.