

04.22.18 - ...To all Peoples! Pastor Steve & Pastor Dillon

Join us Wednesday Night for the Gathering Dinner from 5:15 to 6:00pm. Followed by Sermon Based Small Groups or Birds and Bees.

- 1.) When you were in school what groups did you belong to? What was the qualification to be part of those groups?
- 2.) Did you feel like an outsider or insider in your community?

Matthew 28:16-20

- 3.) What is the church's mission?
- 4.) How can the church do good and miss the main vocation of Christians (The Great Commission)?
- 5.) Jesus says, "... make disciples of all nations." Interestingly, the usual missionary terms like "preach," "convert," "win," are not used here. "Discipleship" in this passage seems to imply the slower, lower-profile kinds of things like "to apprentice", or "to mentor" (cf Dale Bruner). How have you experienced this in your own walk as a disciple? Who has "discipled" you in this way?

6.) What did "to all nations" (ethnicity) mean in Jesus day? How does that compare to today?

Bob Goff writes, "You can't love people you don't know...saying we love is simple but doing it is too!"

7.) How can you begin to know people in your neighborhood or community?

Matthew tells the church that the structure of faith and life is bipolar: disciples live their lives between worship and doubt or mixed with both worship and doubt." - Dale Bruner

8.) How does the mixing of doubt and worship with the disciples at Jesus' resurrection make you feel? Is it encouraging or distracting to you? Why?

Application

- 9.) Last week we looked at the commission found in John 20. This week we looked at Matthew 28. To this point we might summarize by saying "We are sent to all kinds of people." What might it look like for you to respond to Jesus' commission this week?
- 10.) Who among the people "of all nations" would it be uncomfortable for you to encounter or even a "stretch" for you to engage?