

Message Study Guide

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on thorncreek.church/live)

Warming up

1. What are you looking forward to doing once the Covid restrictions are over?

Digging Deeper & Application

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

2. Read Matthew 28:16-20 together. Reflect on this passage. What things specifically stand out to you as you read this?
3. Verse 17 says that some worshipped Jesus and some doubted. Keep in mind, this was after Jesus had died, rose from the grave, and now he has returned to meet with various people before he ascended into heaven. Why do you think there were some who doubted?
4. Don't you find it interesting that the people who spent the most time with Jesus were some of the ones who doubted Him when they saw Him on the mountain after his death?
5. Have you ever, like the disciples, found yourself in a place of doubt? What should you do when you catch yourself doubting?
6. Bill Bright said, *"There is no higher calling or greater privilege known to man than being involved in helping fulfill the Great Commission."* Reflect on this quote together. In what ways have you been involved in helping to fulfill the great commission? How can you be more involved in your day to day life?
7. Charles R. Swindoll said, *"Whatever we do, we must not treat the Great Commission like it's the Great Suggestion."* Have we lost sight of the Great Commission in our own lives? What do we need to do to get back on the right track?
8. What does a person's life look like when they are truly living out the Great Commission? How is their life any different than someone who lives more like it is a great suggestion?

9. David Kim said, *"The Great Commission will not be fulfilled with our spare time or spare money."* We live in a society where being busy is normal for everyone. Have we allowed our busy-ness to get in the way of doing the work God set for us to accomplish? How can we achieve both, the errands and work we have to do, while doing the work God set out for us to accomplish?

10. Matthew 28:19 calls us to go and make disciples of all nations... But not all of us are called to be missionaries. So, where is your mission field? (*Gym, grocery store, work, school, etc.*)

11. Do you remember the first time you accepted Jesus and chose to become a follower of Him? Tell us about it. Or, if you have been in the church your whole life, tell us about a time when you decided to take your faith seriously, and how is your life different now because of your commitment?

12. What is one way, this week, that you can apply the Great Commission to your own life, and not live like it is the great suggestion?

Application

Below are some of the points or quotes shared in the message. Discuss how they apply to your life.

- Is the Great Commission an option, or is it your life?

- The Great Commission is not just a calling for pastors and missionaries... It is the single most important calling in your life.

- We are called by God to accomplish the great commission right where you are.