

“SERVICE Group” Interactive Discussion Guide

This Week’s Core Practice: Single-mindedness—I focus on God and His priorities for my life.

“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” Matthew 6:33 (NIV)

SERVICE Focus: Spiritual Formation—We will assess regularly our growth as apprentices of Jesus Christ and encourage each other to set and achieve personal growth goals.

Option 1— The Call of Discipleship - [Matthew 28:16-20](#)

*(Plan 30 minutes for your “study time” by focusing on the * questions and filling out your discussion with the other questions. Be sure to leave time for sharing personal requests and praying for one another.)*

Open It

1. *What is the most exciting news you have received in the last month?
2. What images spring to mind when you hear the words "missionary" or "evangelism"?
3. What is the loneliest time you have ever experienced?

Explore It

4. Who went to Galilee? When? ([28:16](#))
5. Where did the disciples gather? Why? ([28:16](#))
6. Why did the disciples assemble on the specific mountain they chose? ([28:16](#))
7. Who appeared to the disciples? When? ([28:16-17](#))
8. What responses did Jesus’ appearance elicit? ([28:17](#))
9. What did Jesus say about Himself? ([28:18](#))
10. Where did Jesus tell His disciples to go? ([28:19](#))
11. *What did Jesus tell His disciples to make? ([28:19](#))
12. *What activities were the disciples to be involved in? ([28:19-20](#))
13. *With what words of comfort did Jesus leave His disciples? ([28:20](#))

Get It

14. What insight into the triune nature of God do you find in this passage?
15. Why do you think some of the disciples doubted when they saw Christ?
16. What causes Christians to doubt God today?
17. How do you think you might have reacted to the appearance of the risen Christ?
18. What does it mean to us that Jesus has "all authority"?
19. Over what does Jesus have all authority?
20. Over whom does Jesus have all authority?
21. *What does it mean to "make disciples"?
22. *What role do you have in making disciples?
23. How can knowing that Jesus is always with us make a difference in our daily lives?
24. What specific teaching of Christ do you need to obey more consistently?

Apply It

25. What older and wiser Christian can you approach in the next couple of days to ask for help in spiritual learning, training, and growing?
26. *What step can you take this week in the process of making disciples?

Option 2—Discussion of Sunday’s Sermon (slides posted on “Pastor’s Blog”)

- What significance does the passage/message have for you today?
- What does the passage/message mean to you?
- What does the passage/message affect your life?
- What can we learn about God, Christ, ourselves, our responsibility, our relationship to others?
- How does it reinforce this week’s core commitment?
- What do you want to do in response?
- What do we want to do in response?
- What will you take away from the sermon? From our group?

Option 3—Relate Your Study to Our Core Commitments

- What Core Commitment(s) does our study reinforce?
- What can we learn from this passage about this week’s Core Commitments?
- How can we live this passage individually? As a group?
- What do we agree to do in response to this passage?