

#### Q—What on earth am I here for?

Unless you assume a God, the question of life's purpose is meaningless. Bertrand Russell, Atheist

The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why. – Mark Twain

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." Matthew 22:37–40 (NIV)

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:34–35 (NIV)

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. Matthew 28:16 (NIV)

When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Matthew 28:17 (NIV)

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." Matthew 28:18–20 (NIV)

"No one takes [my life] from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again." John 10:18

 $\Rightarrow$  You have all the \_\_\_\_\_ you need to fulfill your purpose.

| $\Rightarrow$ | "Going" is not a place we                            | arrive, but an               | of how     |
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|               | we are to live.                                      |                              |            |
| $\Rightarrow$ | Jesus does the saving and building; we are to do the |                              |            |
| $\Rightarrow$ | Life   | takes place through intentio | nality and |

## Spiritual Practice This Week: Be One, Make One

ANSWER KEY: permission, awareness, making, transformation



### Study & Discussion for Your Next Small Group

Theme: The Great Co-Mission

**Share Together**: Who in your life would you say influenced you the most to follow Jesus?

Reflect Together: What impacted you the most from Sunday's message? How has this challenged you so far, and is there a S.O.A.P. day you would

like to share that could encourage the group?

## Read the Red Together: Matthew 28:16-20

- What do you find interesting about the phrase, "they worshipped him"? There is no record in scripture that they did this before Christ's death and resurrection, so why now?
- Why would some of the disciples have doubts about Jesus after what He had done and they experienced? How can you relate to doubting, even after all you've seen God do in your life?
- What did Jesus mean by "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me"? What does this mean for us?
- When Jesus says, "Go" the literal meaning is "as you are going".
  Why is this significant and how are we to apply this to our lives in making disciples?
- In what ways can we make disciples?
- Why is baptism significant in disciple making?
- What are we to teach those we disciple?
- What assurance does Jesus give us about being on this co-mission with Him?
- What are some ways you could use prayer about being a disciple and the challenge of disciple making?

# **Pray Together**