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WEEK TWO  
"THE GREAT COMMISSION"  
PARTICIPANT'S GUIDE



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Sunday, April 8, 2018 • Olivet Small Group Leader's Guide

"The Great Commission"

Matthew 28:16-20

### Warming Up

1. How did you do with your "I will..." statements last week? What do you think held you back? What, if anything, propelled you forward? What might you need to do as a result of your response to last week's Word?

2. Take a minute and review last week's passage: Matthew 28:1-15. What commands did angel of the Lord give the women at the tomb? What surprise did they receive?

3. The soldiers at the tomb in last week's passage were also given commands? What were they? Did they obey them?

8. What four things were the disciples to *do* in response to Christ's authority?

9. What promise did Jesus' give if these disciples (like the women before them) were obedient—even in their fear and doubt?

### Making It Personal

10. With whom do *you* identify with from this story? The worshippers? The doubters? The afraid? Why, do you think?

11. What difference do you think it would make if *you* obeyed Jesus' commission out of *his* authority rather than your own or that of anyone else?

12. To what promise can *you* cling as you courageously step out in obedience to this word?

13. What three things will you covenant with your small group to *do* as a result of this word today? When will you do them?

14. So much learning happens as we *tell* someone else what we ourselves have learned or experienced. With whom will you share what you have learned this week? When?

15. How can your small group pray for you today? How can you pray for them?

4. Last week Pastor Dave talked about two competing narratives, or guiding storylines that were the result of last week's passage. What were they? Which one did *you* live into in the week in between?

### Digging Deeper

#### Read Matthew 28:16-20

4. The other gospels record many powerful events that Matthew does not record. What *does* Matthew think was the important outcome of last week's passage (Matthew 28:1-15)? What does this tell us about the faithfulness of the women at the tomb?

5. Who went to Galilee in response to the testimony of the two Marys? What happened there? What was their response?

6. Verse 18-20 are often called "The Great Commission." To which of the disciples did Jesus give this commission? What does that imply about those who "worshipped him?" Those who "doubted?"

7. What is the basis for our obeying the great commission? What does it mean, then, if we don't?