



Easter

Big Idea:

He is risen, indeed!

GROUP OPENER

Share a few pieces of technological progress that you appreciate from your lifetime.

GROUP DISCUSSION

- Read Matthew 28:1-20 Twice out loud, in different versions of the Bible – everyone listens.
- What are some significant observations you have about this text? What stood out? What didn't you like? What was confusing?
- What does this passage teach us about God? How does it change how I see God?
- What does this passage teach us about humanity/ourselves? How would it change how I treat others?
- What does this passage teach us about obedience? How should it affect the way I live?

ACTION STEPS

I will statement . . .

- Based on what God is teaching in this passage, what should I do? Reflect for a minute or two and develop an action statement. Put it in the form, "I Will _____". Make it concrete, simple, and achievable. Share it with the group.

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WEEKEND

As a Group

It can be amazing to see the strides humanity makes from time to time in the fields of education, technology, medicine and science and be fooled into believing that human progress is capable of eliminating all human problems.

So how do we hold a realistic view of the human condition? We will all die, we are all capable of great acts of love and evil, and we all want ultimate justice.

How does what you read today reconcile with the human condition?

The last part of the Matthew passage we read today is called The Great Commission. Have you ever thought that your primary purpose on this earth is helping others to know Jesus?

How would you describe a "disciple".

What are some tangible ways to do this in everyday life. Don't think "I need to go on a mission trip across the world." Rather how could you do this when you go to the grocery this week?

A simple definition of a disciple could be someone who is simply following Jesus, being changed by Jesus and is committed to the mission of Jesus.

Does this simplify our task, or complicate it? Discuss how.

On your own:

Who has God placed in your circle that you could help to follow him? Who is someone who God placed in your circle to help you follow Jesus?