

“Jesus School”

Matthew 28.1-10, 16-20

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Little Trinity Anglican Church, Toronto

### Discussion Questions (Mt 28.18-20)

- 1) In his earthly life, Jesus was a wandering rabbi, or teacher, with a traveling “school” of disciples. The sermon suggests that Jesus’ school is transformed with him in the resurrection – from a local to a global and timeless institution. Does this interpretation make sense to you? Why/not? How would this vision of church as “Jesus School” affect our worship / life together / evangelism / service?
- 2) What’s the impact of “therefore” (v19)?
- 3) “Disciple” means a student of a particular teacher. What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus? According to the Great Commission, what activities does disciple-making entail?
- 4) Why is baptism important? What does it mean to be baptized “in the name” of the Trinity?
- 5) In v20 Jesus says his disciples are to “observe all” that he has commanded his apostles. What commandments of Jesus can you think of? Do you observe “all” the things he said? Why/not? Which commands are more challenging for you, and why? What would it look like in your life to observe all Jesus’ commandments?
- 6) Christians believe that we are saved by the grace – the free gift – of God’s love. How does grace relate to the (seeming?) work of “observ[ing] all” that Jesus has commanded?
- 7) Jesus has been given all authority in heaven and on earth and his presence with his disciples is never-ending. How does the universal scope of Jesus’ kingdom, in time and space, affect how you view an often anxious world – and your place/role in it?
- 8) Micah 4.1-5 offers a prophetic vision of God’s consummated kingdom. What’s the relationship between that vision and the kingdom of Jesus in our day, with the world still so imperfect and broken by sin? How does the Great Commission relate to that future vision?