

May 10, 2026 – Leader’s Guide

“Equipped as Agents of Grace”

Matthew 28:16-20

1. The sermon began with a list of inadequacies (“I’m not smart enough,” “faithful enough,” etc.). How would you be tempted to fill in the blank: I am not ___ enough?

For the leader:

- This is a vulnerable question. Encourage honesty, but don’t force vulnerability too quickly.
- This question may reveal how people view themselves spiritually.
- If needed, model openness with a simple example of your own.

2. Matthew says the disciples worshipped Jesus, “but some doubted.” What stands out to you about those two reactions existing side-by-side?

For the leader:

- Help the group notice that Jesus commissions them *without resolving* all their uncertainty first.
- This can be a freeing conversation for people who feel faith must equal certainty.
- You might ask: *How does this challenge the idea that “good Christians” never struggle?*

3. How is Jesus’ understanding of power different from the kind of power we usually see in the world?

For the leader:

- Draw attention to service, humility, sacrifice, and love.
- You could ask a follow-up: *What does servant-power look like in ordinary life?*
- Invite practical examples rather than abstract theology alone.

4. The sermon reframed the Great Commission as “as you are going…” rather than a command to force conversations. How does that change the way you think about sharing faith?

For the leader:

- This is a good opportunity to relieve pressure or guilt some may carry around evangelism.
- Encourage the group to think about witness through presence, habits, hospitality, love, and integrity.
- You might ask: *Who showed you Jesus through the way they lived?*

5. The sermon contrasted citizenship in the kingdom of God with the refugee crisis around the world. How might the idea of belonging in God’s kingdom offer hope to people who feel displaced, excluded, or uncertain about where they belong?

For the leader:

- Encourage people to think both globally and personally.
- “Displaced” can mean physically displaced, but also emotionally, spiritually, or socially disconnected.
- You might ask: *What makes the kingdom of God different from the ways human communities often define belonging?*

6. Jesus promises, “I am with you always.” How might that promise speak into an area where you currently feel inadequate or uncertain?

For the leader:

- Invite people to think concretely about work, family, faith, relationships, or calling.
- If appropriate, close in prayer, taking some time to let Jesus meet each person in their own areas of weakness or hesitation.