

RECAP

As you reflect on this past week, did you hear Jesus' voice speak into any of your failures? If so, what did He say/reveal to you?

IDEA 1

Read Matthew 28:16-20, and Luke 24:44-53 out loud together.

What you would have been thinking or feeling if you had received this commission from Jesus in person?

What do you think the disciples would have been feeling as Jesus was departing?

In light of Jesus' commission to the disciples, what new ways does Jesus call us to be human?

IDEA 2

"In both commissionings, Jesus reminds us what is the heart of God for his people answering what is *the new way to be human*. Jesus in his commissioning answers his disciples, how they are to be a *witness* as the new community through their *Identity, Transformation, and Mission*."

What is the significance of baptism in the identity of the believer? What was the significance of your baptism?

How do we avoid simply approaching the Bible's teachings as simply to-do objectives, and instead allow the text to transform our hearts and minds as the living, breathing word of God?

Why is it important that Holy Spirit empowers us as we engage in the mission of making disciples in our neighborhoods and the nations? How can we encourage each other to say yes to the little decisions and risks that the Holy Spirit prompts us to take as we are sent out to be witnesses in our spheres of influence?

SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

Efrain posed a number of questions to us throughout his sermon. Take these questions, and bring them to Jesus in a time of listening prayer:

- **Jesus, where do you need to redefine my identity?**
- **Jesus, where do you need to be the formative voice in my life?**
- **Jesus, where are you asking me to show compassion towards the nations and neighborhoods?**

Pay attention to what Jesus might have to say in response. Listen for His affirmations. Listen for His invitations. Listen for His challenges. If you feel led, share what you heard with the group.

APPLICATION

Efrain ended his sermon with an affirmation of the ways we as a church are engaging in mission.

Who can you affirm this week?

- Is there someone whose identity you could affirm?
- Is there someone you could encourage who is allowing God's word to transform their lives?
- Is there someone whom you could affirm that is really leaning in to the mission of making disciples?