

ICEBREAKER

- What's your favorite ending to a book, movie, or TV show, and what made it so memorable for you?
- If you could rewrite the ending to any famous story, which one would you choose and how would you change it?

IDEA 1 - THE ALTERNATE ENDINGS OF MARK

Read Mark 16:9-20

- What was your reaction to the explanation about the shorter and longer endings of Mark not being in the original manuscripts?
- Why do you think these additional endings were added?
- What do we see in this longer ending that we don't see elsewhere in the New Testament?
- What do we see that is woven consistently throughout the New Testament?

IDEA 2 - OUR COMMISSIONING

“Our whole series has been about Jesus’ proclamation that “The Kingdom of God is near” and that it is not just about the future but also a present reality breaking into the world through Him. This Kingdom continues to unfold today as we, the Church, participate in God’s work - Jesus calls all His followers to be ambassadors—demonstrating His love and power in everyday life.

We are commissioned to embody and share the presence of Christ in the world.”

- At the end of Mark, the women fled trembling and bewildered after their commissioning from the tomb. What feelings arise in you as you consider this same commission?
- Where do you see evidence of the Kingdom of God breaking through into your neighborhood, workplace, school, etc?
- Where do you long and desire to see more of God's kingdom come?

EXPERIENCING GOD TOGETHER: TESTIMONIES

Take some time to share testimonies of how you are participating in bringing God's kingdom into your spheres of influence.

- Who are the people and places experiencing the love and power of Jesus through you?

Encourage one another as you share and pray for more Holy Spirit empowerment to go and tell.

PRACTICE FOR THIS WEEK: GO AND TELL

- Each morning this week, spend a few quiet moments asking the Holy Spirit to empower you for that day's opportunities to demonstrate the Kingdom.
- Throughout the day, notice moments when you feel prompted to "go and tell" rather than keep silent about what God has done in your life.
- End each day by journaling one specific way you saw God's Kingdom breaking through in your ordinary experiences, and thank Him for using you as His ambassador.