



LIFELINE Discussion Guide

Week of January 8, 2024

1. Are any of your family or friends caught up in the “Stanley Mug” craze? Is there anyone in your current Life Group who owns a Stanley Mug? If last week’s viral rush for the “Pink Stanley Mug” at Target wasn’t caused by expensive advertising or commercials— how did so many people come to know about it? What made this so “contagious”?
2. What is the context or setting of Matthew chapter 28? Skim back through the chapter and set the scene. What monumental event just happened?
3. How can Jesus say that “...all authority in heaven and earth has been given to me” ? Where did Jesus get His authority from? What recent event in His life proved his over-arching power and authority? (also read Philippians 2:6-11)
4. Jesus used the word “Come” very often in His preaching and interactions with people. But the primary command of the Great Commission is “Go” (or: *as you are going*). Why do we find it easier to tell people to “come to church” instead of “going” to them pro-actively with the good news of Jesus? Explain your answer.
5. The ultimate task of the Great Commission is to make _____. Jesus didn’t tell us to go and make converts, but to go and make disciples. What is the difference between a convert and a disciple? If we are fortunate to lead someone to faith in Jesus, is our task finished with that person?
6. What is the first step of obedience for a new disciple according to Jesus (verse 19)? Why do some people resist, delay, or make excuses about being baptized? Is there some reason that you’re delaying even now? Why do we baptize believers at Wrightsdale rather than infants or babies?
7. What are new believers supposed to be taught according to verse 20? What is the difference between “knowing” and “obeying”? Explain some of the “real world”, practical ways that this type of discipleship can take place. Is it always inside the church building?
8. How can you be confident that Jesus is “with you” every day and in every circumstance? Read John 14:15-17; 25-27. Who is the Comforter or Counselor who is indwelling you at each moment?
9. Pastor Ryan gave three short strategies for “sharing Jesus more in 2024”:
Be courageous. Be courteous. Be clear. Explain these three actions in your own words.