

Transition:

We see the importance of the Crucifixion and the love of God demonstrated on the Cross. Our Lord dies and is buried. All is silent, the disciples scattered, Mary weeping for her son, BUT He rises from the dead! We enter now into the last chapter of Matthew where we get to see our risen Lord and hear His last words on the earth.

Tell the story:

Tell the story (with passion!) Do the best you can, don't stop and teach, try not to make points, just tell the story. Perhaps leave some parts out or make a mistake, just to see if your group catches it!

Rebuild the story:

Chronologically rebuild the story by asking questions. Have the group look for what was added or left out by looking in their Bibles and going back over the story. Then have someone else tell the story the best they can – just like you modeled the first time.

Discussion Questions:

1. What does Jesus command His Disciples to do? Does this command apply to us?
2. What is His promise to us? Is there a greater promise?
3. Can we be His disciples if we don't do this? Why? Why not?

Fundamental:

The Great Commission - The nations belong to God by noble right. The rebellion of man and the enslavement by the enemy has blinded and darkened the minds of millions. Christ, the light of the world, has commanded his church to bear the flaming torches of truth and liberty to the souls that sit in darkness. This commandment to go to all nations must once again be sounded as the rallying cry for the mighty army of God. All Christians have their place in the great mission of God and must be faithful soldiers in this last conquest for Christ throughout the earth, to reclaim for Him His due reward.

1. How are we to practically fulfill the Great Commission at Gateway?
2. Are all people meant to "go?" If not, what do the rest do?

Homework/Challenge:

1. Support a missionary or KB offering with prayer and/or finances.
2. Please read Acts 1 in preparation for next week.

Discipleship Tip:

The one way to get a burden for the lost is to be near the lost. For at least one small group, go be near lost souls. Whether that's evangelism, having a small group in public, etc. Be around "lostness" and you will inspire them to have a burden to see the Great Commission fulfilled.

Prayer:

Begin praying about a nation of the world today. As a small group commit to praying for one each time you meet to close the meeting.

Extras:

Missionary God, Missionary Bible by Dick Brogden