



# THE ESSENTIALS

## The Sending

Matthew 28:16-20

### **"WEEK #8 – THE SENDING"**

Preached: October 31, 2021

Series: "The Essentials"

Scripture: Matthew 28:16-20

#### SECTION 1 – SMALL GROUPS QUESTIONS

1. Read Matthew 28:16-20. How do you internalize "The Great Commission?"
2. In verse 17, it says that some worshipped and some doubted. Where do you doubt in your life? How do you overcome doubt in order to still be sent out into the world?
3. What authority figures in your life do you listen to? Does it sometimes feel like what Jesus has to say for your life conflicts with some of the other authorities in your life? How do you deal with that conflict?
4. What is your understanding and experience with the word evangelism? Does this word hold any negative connotations for you in your faith journey? What are those negative thoughts? How can we overcome those negative thoughts and see this as God's invitation to us to GO OUT into the world and proclaim the GOOD NEWS?
5. Verse 20 reads, "teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." I have heard one preacher interpret the meaning of these words as – "TEACH OBEDIENCE. NOT COMMANDS." What point is this preacher trying to make?

6. At the end of the passage, Jesus promises that He will ALWAYS be with the Disciples. How do you experience God with you when you are being sent? How can we be a reminder to each other as we are being sent?
  
7. Look back over the last 8 weeks of teaching. Which of the Essentials that have been discussed seem to be areas of growth for the church? Which of these 8 are areas of strength?

For additional study – Read Matthew Chapter 10 and see what Jesus tells his disciples before they head off into the surrounding communities.

## SECTION 2 – PRAYER

Pray for each other. Pray for wisdom and courage as you are being sent.

## SECTION 3 - MOMENT ON MISSION

**Partners in the community** – Still a chance to fill a box for Operation Christmas Child. Look for other opportunities the church presents to be a part of in the next month.

**On your own** – What does it look like to see all the places you live out life as the mission field? How does that change how you wake up each day?