

Day One: Matthew 28:16-20

- It's eight days after Jesus' resurrection; set the scene (16). What other Bible stories involve seeking God on a mountain? Why do you think the Lord often shows up on mountains? How did the disciples respond when they saw Jesus (17)? Why do you think some doubted? Imagine what your response would've been.
- Summarize what Jesus said about himself, and the three things he told the disciples to do (18-20). What promise concluded his remarks (20)? Consider the last part of Vineyard Columbus' mission statement – to “partner with Christ to heal the world” – alongside Jesus' words in this text. What makes it possible to partner with God in this way? What exactly might that look like?
- Think of other Bible passages that shed light on what partnering with Christ to heal the world entails. What particular role does God want you to play? Pray you'd be faithful and fruitful, and apt to draw strength from Jesus' promise to be with you to the end.

Day Two: Luke 10:25-37

- What question was posed to Jesus (25)? How did he respond (26)? What did the expert in the law go on to say (27)? What clarifying question did he ask (29)? Jesus answered by telling a parable; summarize it (30-35). Describe each character (30-33).
- What are your initial thoughts on the “expert in the law”? What did he care about? Was he at all interested in the mission of God? Explain. In what ways are you vulnerable to neglecting God's mission? Repent and ask for greater resolve to partner with Christ.
- What is the parable's commentary on crossing ethnic boundaries? What about whom God uses for his mission? What is your response? Pray for willingness to emulate the spirit of this parable.
- What question did Jesus ask the man (36)? What was his response (37)? What did Jesus then say (37)? Imagine Jesus issuing this command to you. Today, what is one way to obey it?

Day Three: Acts 1:1-11

- What did Luke previously write about (1-2)? Describe Jesus' interactions with the apostles after he was resurrected (3). Set the scene of this particular occasion (4). What was Jesus' command to the apostles (4-5)? What did the men think this might mean (6)? How did Jesus respond to their inquiry (7-8)?
- Meditate on verse 8. Picture Jesus speaking this promise directly to you. How do you feel? What are some specific ways you act as Jesus' witness? How does the Holy Spirit help you do this? What do you need from the Lord in order to feel even more equipped as his witness? Be it more spiritual gifts, more courage, more compassion, or more faith, ask him for these things now.
- What happened next (9-11)? How do you think the apostles felt about each aspect of this encounter: Jesus' words, his ascension and the angelic visit? Imagine their ensuing conversations.

Day Four: Acts 8:26-40

- What did an angel tell Philip to do (26)? What happened when he did so (27-28)? What did the Holy Spirit then tell him to do (29)? How did Philip respond, and what did he ask the man (30)? Summarize their conversation (31-35). Describe the man's baptism (36-39). What happened next (39-40)?

- Re-read verses 26, 29 and 39. Philip partnered with God and responded to what he was already doing in the Ethiopian man's life. Pray you'd become more sensitive to what the Holy Spirit is doing so you too can partner with God to fulfill his mission.
- What about this passage most inspires you to share the Gospel with others and partner with Christ to heal the world? Sit with this inspiration for a moment and ask God to spark you into action. Make a plan to walk this out.

Day Five: Galatians 3:26-29

- What is the gateway to becoming a child of God (26-27)? How would you sum this up in your own words? This is perhaps humanity's ultimate experience of God's amazing mission. Take some time now to say thank you to Jesus for all he's done for us.
- What hierarchies and social distinctions fall away thanks to the unity found in Christ (28)? Explain the Old Testament connection Paul makes to what it means to be a child of God (29).
- To call such a swath of people heirs – especially Gentiles, slaves and women – was quite controversial and countercultural. In Paul's time only the oldest son could be an heir. This is just one expression of God's seemingly impossible mission. Talk to the Lord about this attribute of his character and his heart for the world. What response do you sense from him?
- Read Acts 10:34. How does Peter's proclamation compare to this Galatians text? God is not asking us to ignore or deemphasize our differences. Rather, by recognizing the diversity of the body of Christ we testify of God's wonderful mission to heal the *entire* world! This week, seek out a way to lovingly convey this truth to someone who feels like they'd never be welcome in God's family.