

April 12, 2009

**Acts 2 Community  
Study Questions**

He Has Risen! Now What?  
Matthew 28:1-8, 18-20

*Overview for leaders: This week we are not only celebrating the resurrection of our Lord, but we are focusing on Christ's command to go out and BE THE CHURCH.*

Scripture Reading: Genesis 12:1-3  
Matthew 28:1-8, 18-20  
Acts 1:8

**Getting Started:**

What is one of your favorite Easter traditions?

Read Matthew 28:1-8. Put yourself in Mary's shoes. Discuss with the group how you would react to the empty tomb. Would you believe Jesus had risen from the dead? or would you have an alternate explanation?

**Digging Deeper:**

Last week we discussed how our faith in who God is and what He has done through Jesus Christ secures this blessing for us. Christ's death, burial, and resurrection are the ultimate fulfillment of this blessing. However, it doesn't stop there. As the church, we are also called to reveal this blessing to the world.

Read Matthew 28:18-20. These verses begin with Christ's authority over the entire universe (v.18), and end with Christ's promise to be

with us forever (v.20). According to these verses, what does Christ ask us to do? How are we to do it?

*Christ asks us to Go...Baptize...Teach... These verses may bring up discussion in your group, because people see this as the pastor's job. However, Christ has commanded ALL believers to Go...Baptize...Teach.*

**Application:**

The resurrection of Christ is not the end of His life on the earth, but the beginning of our life with Him. Our command is to now *go* and *make*.

What practical step will you take this week to pass on the blessing of Jesus Christ and all he offers?

What is one thing you can do this week in obedience to Christ's command to "go therefore and make disciples of all nations" (v.19)?

*Note: Acts 1:8 may help guide your discussion on how to live out this command.*