

Icebreaker:

Opening Icebreaker: What are some of the biggest obstacles you have felt when you try to practice cultural engagement? What steps have you taken to overcome these obstacles?

Study

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:16-20

1. Why is it significant that Jesus sent them to a mountain in Galilee to meet him? Why do you think some of them doubted? vv. 16-17

2. Read verse 18. The first requirement here is that we need to be convinced of Jesus' full authority.

- How are you able to reconcile the reality of the condition of our world with the reality of Jesus' claim that he has been given all authority in heaven and on earth?

- Why is it so important for Jesus to know that he possesses all authority when it comes to taking it to the streets and living out the Great Commission?

3. Read verses 19–20a. The second requirement is that we need to be committed to Jesus' full assignment.

- What does it mean to go to all nations?

- On a scale of 1 to 10, how would you rank your personal disciple making experience? How does discipleship and cultural engagement connect?

- Were you personally disciplined by someone else? What was that experience like?

- Have you been personally disciplined? What was that experience like?

- Why do you think Jesus includes baptism in his command to make disciples?

4. Discuss this quote:

*"People want salvation but don't want to put in the time to be strong disciples of Jesus Christ. What many Christians want to do is to audit the Christian life. An audit is where a person goes to class to get information but is not required to do any of the work."
Tony Evans*

5. Has your tendency been to be an auditor or a worker when it comes to discipleship and cultural engagement?

6. Read verse 20b. The third requirement is to be comforted by Jesus' full assurance.

- Why would Jesus' words, "I AM" and "Always" comfort us in our cultural engagement endeavors?

- Discuss the following quote: Has this been true for you?

"You'll never know if Jesus has the power to help you until you really need His help. You'll never know if Jesus is with you until you decide to go somewhere in His name." Ray Pritchard

7. As you consider your unique calling to cultural engagement, evaluate these three areas of engagement in your life. What help might I need to grow in these areas?

Going—What is the next step for you to "go" and leave your comfort zone and take it to the streets?

Discipling—What would it look like for you to find someone to disciple you? Who is someone you could disciple?

Outreach—How might you partner with your church to raise their level of effective outreach?

8. Our CPC Outreach Team came up with six ways anyone can engage. They are learn, pray, send, welcome, mobilize and go. Learn more about these ways and discover which way fits you at this time. You can receive a link to the "six ways" webpage by texting the word ENGAGE to 650-460-1144.

9. What are safe and creative ways you can reach out and engage as a group during COVID?

10. Share in your group one personal next step you can take to increase cultural engagement in your own life?