

Connect

"Every Christian is either a missionary or an impostor." This quote has frequently been attributed to Charles Spurgeon. What do you think it means? Do you agree?

Verses - Matthew 28:16-20 (CSB)

16 The eleven disciples traveled to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had directed them. 17 When they saw him, they worshiped, but some doubted. 18 Jesus came near and said to them, "All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Related Passages: Mark 16:14–18, Luke 24:44–49, John 20:19-23, Acts 1:4–8

Study

1. After meeting Jesus, the 11 disciples worshiped him, but some had doubts.
    a. How are those doubting disciples different from the scribes and Pharisees who also doubted?
    b. How about us? Do we ever doubt Jesus, even when we worship him?

SHARE: If you're comfortable, please share your experiences with doubting Jesus and how you cope with it.

2. In Matthew 28:18-20, who is Jesus speaking to?
    a. Are these words meant only for the disciples who were with Jesus, or do they apply to other Christians like us today?
    b. If they apply to us today, in what ways do they, and in what ways do they not?
3. When Christians speak of "The Great Commission," what do they mean? Does it ever appear in the Bible?

4. How are we similar or different from the 11 disciples Jesus spoke to in vv.18-20? For example, are we considered apostles as well?

DISCUSS: How should each of us respond (in faith and obedience) to what Jesus says in Matthew 28:18-20?

Prayer

Our Heavenly Father constantly reveals himself to us, through his Son, Jesus, by his Word (the Bible) and the Holy Spirit. Please ask him to help us to understand this revelation more clearly, and to believe and apply it in our lives.

Please pray for one another, the community of believers, and for the world at large as the Spirit moves you.