

## **I. The Terrifying Mission**

1. What if...
2. The risk... (Matt 25)

## **II. Incomparable Companion**

1. Navigator & Guide (Job 10, Phil 2, Heb 2, 4, John 14)
2. Master & Rabbi
3. Shepherd (He loves, He leads, he leaves: John 10, Luke 15)

## **III. Going (28:19) (“go” / “going”)**

1. If he’s not with me, I’m not going
2. If he is with me, what is there to fear? (Isa 41)
3. Gaping at the sky (Acts 1)

- 1.** Describe the discipleship process in your own words (feel free to reference the great commission). How is discipleship different than evangelism (reaching the lost)? Where do they overlap and where do they diverge?
- 2.** What is frightening about discipleship for you? If you find the project intimidating, describe in what ways that feeling (trepidation) is beneficial and how it might also be destructive (problematic).
- 3.** The parable of the talents (Matt 25) describes servants (Christians) and their stewardship of the Master's property. Try to concretely lay out some things that God has given you (not just material goods, but aptitudes, relationships, spiritual gifts, etc.). It is important that these things be named or written down, as lacking awareness/recognition puts us in danger of hiding them.
- 4.** What would it look like for you to "bury a talent"? (Don't be vague)
- 5.** How does the reality of Jesus being "with us always" make you feel? Reflect on what emotions that triggers and why that might be.
- 6.** The scriptures describe a number of ways that Jesus is with us. I described them in three ways: Navigator, Master, and Shepherd. Which of these roles brings the most comfort/direction/encouragement to you right now and why? (Feel free to bring some of Jesus' other roles into the discussion here)
- 7.** The verb participle "go/going" in the great commission indicates that we are meant to begin working. Are you getting a sense yet of how you can plug into the disciple-making enterprise? If so how? If not, how can our church leadership help you to discover a place to plug in? (Please talk to elders/leaders this week if you have recommendations along those lines... I will mention that we're currently engaged in significant planning to work toward whole-church involvement as we enter this fall)
- 8.** Will you stop now to pray the following for yourself/ your family/ your present companions:  
*"Lord we want to fulfill your great commission. We praise you for your promise to be with us as we step forth to accomplish it. Master, please lead every member of our congregation in being faithful to your commission. Convict us strongly if we diverge from your mission, bless us intensely as we carry it out."*