

# Growth Group Discussion Guide

## Week of April 28 2019

### **THE END *is the beginning***

**Our Scripture: Matthew 28:16-20**

### **GETTING TO KNOW YOU**

Which season of the year do you like best? Why?

### **DIGGING DEEPER**

1. Matthew 28:16-20 is not the only reference to the Great Commission. How do these scriptures compare and contrast to our scripture today?

Mark 16:14–18

Luke 24:44–49

Acts 1:4–8

John 20:19–23.

2. Read Matthew 28:17. What is incredible about this verse?

1 Corinthians 15:1-8. Why do these verses matter to our faith ?

### **MEDIA MIX - About Time**

We are thinking about time and how we spend it in good purposes. The film “About Time” looks at this theme in everyday life. It is available at the library and Netflix.

Identify one image from this video clip that you think would please God.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o9rvhmUhPnA>

## **TAKING IT HOME**

1. In our 25th Faith Journey group Greg is adding this exercise. What are some of your:

- Favorite memories?
- Significant moments?
- Unexpected events?

Consider spending some time over this four week series inviting one member of your group to share thoughts stimulated by these questions. I suggest that one person share each week and the others focus on being attentive listeners, resisting the need to chime in, comment or advise. Holy listening is a great gift to give each other.

If you like this idea decide now on who will have 12 minutes to share over the next few sessions of your group.

2. Brainstorm a list of at least five activities that you can't imagine especially please God and can be a waste of your time.

## **PRAYER REQUESTS and PRAYER TIME**

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Greg shared a little about his vocational journey on Sunday. Tell about a pastor you have fond memories of and you would like to remember in prayer today.

## **HOUSEKEEPING**

1. Welcome everyone to the group with special attention to any newcomers.
2. Do you have room for new participants? (Group size is best at 8-14 persons) Does anyone know a friend (whether part of Atonement or not) who could be invited to your group? Just making the invitation will tell them you care!
3. Are you able to meet in someone's home this fall cycle?
4. Do you need to arrange child care? (check with Pastor Kevin)
5. Who is bringing treats next week?