



'Go' By Staying | Matthew 28:16-20

1. Have some fun together discussing what your "last words" might be and why. Do they express something of what really matters to you deep down, at a heart level?
2. What is the difference between spirituality and religion? Are their areas of your faith journey which might be more "religious" than "spiritual"?
3. Who is a spiritual figure you admire? Why?
4. Have you come across the adjective "missional" before? What do you understand this to mean? Is CBC a "missional church"? Are you a "missional believer"?
5. Do you know (m)any not-yet Christians? Why? Why not? Are there particular circles which you move in where you could make more of the opportunity to have a positive influence for the Kingdom? How?
6. Can you think of an occasion when you have played a part in helping a person become a disciple of Jesus? What were the most significant parts of that journey for (1) you and (2) the person concerned?
7. What is the difference between a convert and a disciple?
8. Spend some time dissecting and reflecting upon Matthew 28:16-20. What is Jesus saying to you/the group in his final words...? Can you really 'go' by staying? Refer to Acts 1:8 too.
9. In their book, "Breaking The Missional Code", Ed Stetzer and David Putman say 'missional' thinking demands a shift in thinking from: programs to processes; demographics to discernment; models to missions; attractional to incarnational; uniformity to diversity; professional to passionate; seating to sending; decisions to disciples; additional to exponential; monuments to movements. We might add: services to service; ordained to the ordinary; organisations to organisms. Are these conclusions correct? If they are, what do you think are the implications of this kind of thinking for CBC/you personally?
10. Are there any ways that our way of organising/doing church life (our ecclesiology), gets in the way of Jesus' call in Matthew 28:16-20?
11. Spend some time praying for your friends or family who do not yet know Christ. Pray particularly that God will give you opportunity to be a witness.