

Morning Arrives: Sent in the Light

Discussion Guide for April 11 and 12, 2026

Summary

This weekend's message draws from the Great Commission in Matthew 28:16–20, where Jesus appears to his disciples after the resurrection — a moment marked not only by awe but also by honest doubt. The sermon explores what it means to be sent people: commissioned with purpose, empowered by resurrection power, and accompanied by God's abiding presence.

Three core realities anchor the message: we are sent by resurrection power, for God's purposes, and with God's presence through the Holy Spirit. A disciple is defined as someone following Jesus, being transformed by Jesus, and participating in His mission — right where they live, work, and play.

We are reminded that following Jesus sometimes means choosing to worship even in the middle of our doubts, and that the Spirit's presence within us is a greater gift than even Jesus' physical presence among his first disciples.

Ice Breaker

Think of a time you had to show up and do something even while feeling uncertain or doubtful. What gave you the courage to move forward anyway?

Key Verses

1. Matthew 28:16–20
2. Matthew 9:37–38
3. John 16:7
4. Acts 1:8

Discussion Questions

1. Matthew 28 tells us the disciples worshipped Jesus — and some doubted. How does it encourage you that Jesus still commissioned the doubters? What does this say about who God uses?
2. The sermon describes a disciple as someone following, being transformed by, and participating in the mission of Jesus. Which of these three feels most natural for you right now, and which feels most challenging?

3. Jesus said the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Where in your everyday life – where you live, work, or play – do you sense an opportunity to be a witness?
4. Jesus told his disciples it was actually to their advantage that he go away, so the Helper could come (John 16:7). How does understanding the Holy Spirit's role change how you approach the mission you've been sent on?

Life Application

You're already sent – to where you live, work, and play. This week, slow down enough to notice who's in front of you. Pray for one person by name.

Key Takeaways

1. The sermon describes a disciple as someone following, being transformed by, and participating in the mission of Jesus.
2. Sent for God's purposes. Discipleship happens in the everyday: where we live, work, and play.
3. Sent with God's presence. We are not sent alone. The Holy Spirit goes with us as Helper and guide.
4. Doubt doesn't disqualify us. Jesus commissioned his disciples even in their uncertainty – and he commissions us the same way.