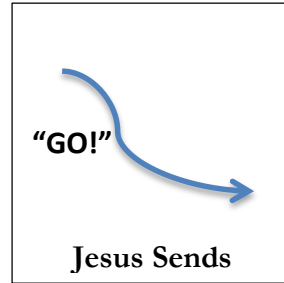


God's Story Our Story

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Faith 5 - A pattern for shaping a life of faith



Bless:

Jesus is with you, leading the way. Amen.

Some Background

Jesus first appears to the women who have come to the tomb to anoint his body. They are the first messengers of the resurrection and the Good News to all the world. In Matthew, Jesus tells the women to not be afraid. Yet, as they have encountered the risen Jesus, the chief priests devise a plan to spread rumors that the disciples stole the body of Jesus. They seal the deal with money, of course. Yet, Jesus establishes his authority and commissions the disciples to go out into the world with this good news with the gift of baptism and teaching them the ways of Jesus.

Share:

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

Read: Reflect on the key verses from Sunday's reading.

Matthew 28: 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, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Talk:

- Disciple means to learn – in what ways do you learn how to follow Jesus every day? Who models that for you?
- Following the teachings of Jesus takes us into unexpected places. How have you been surprised? When have you thought, "this can't be what it means to follow Jesus!?"
- When has it been difficult to be a disciple?
- Jesus promises to be with us always. When have you experienced the presence of Jesus during a difficult time?

Pray:

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.