

# Week 15:

# THE GREAT COMMISSION & OUR RESPONSE

## Overview

The Resurrected Jesus appears to His disciples and shares His final instructions before ascending to heaven. Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene, two disciples walking in the countryside, and to the eleven. He challenges them to boldly proclaim the good news of the gospel in word and action. How can you more boldly represent Christ to the people around you?

## Prepare and Meditate

Before Sunday, take time to prepare your heart to receive God's Word for the upcoming message. Passages to read and memorize are included below. As you read and reflect, we encourage you to pray and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal God's truth to you during this time.

- **Read:** Mark 16:9-20
- **Memorize:** And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. (Mark 16:15-16)

## Prepare and Meditate Notes

Imagine what it would have been like to have been there with the other disciples when Jesus appeared to them. What would it have been like to be in His presence? What emotions would you be feeling? How would you respond to His call?

## Sermon Notes

## Discuss

Why do you think it was hard for the disciples to believe Jesus had risen, even though He had told them it would happen?

In what ways do people today struggle with doubts or skepticism about Jesus?

Imagine being one of the disciples when Jesus appeared to you after His resurrection—how do you think you would have reacted?

## Apply

How can you be more intentional about living out the Great Commission where you work, go to school, or in your community?

Think of one person in your life who needs to hear how God has worked in your life. How can you share your story with them this week?

What is one step you can take to be more courageous in your faith?

# FAMILY ACTIVITY

## Activity

Set up a relay race in your living room, backyard, or park. Each family member must pass along a “good news” message—this could be a Bible verse, a phrase like “Jesus is alive!” or even a short testimony.

The goal is to see how quickly the message can be spread from one person to the next.