

Be a Witness
Next Steps
April 24, 2022

OPENING PRAYER:

Loving God, through these moments together, help our unbelief. Strengthen our faith in you. Brighten our lights for you. And help us as we encourage one another to shine for you. In Christ we pray, amen.

"Do or do not. There is no try." - Yoda

BREAKING THE ICE:

Share a time when you wanted to help someone but were nervous to, or wanted to do something but had doubts. What ended up happening?

WRESTLING WITH THE WORD:

Read Matthew 28:16-20

- Jesus instructs the disciples to go from Jerusalem to Galilee. Why do you think they trusted that Jesus had a purpose for telling them this, even though at this point Jesus has been crucified?
- What are some mountain top moments that the apostles had with Jesus in the past? How might they influence this event?
- What was the essence of Jesus' command?

NEXT STEPS:

- Share how the following words/phrases resonate with you: Disciples, Doubt, Authority, Empower, Commanded, With Us
- Talk about difficulties we face in following Jesus' instructions to us. Discuss where doubt comes in and the challenge to actually, "Go therefore..."
- Why is exercising our and/or sharing our faith sometimes hard to do? What needs to be done to overcome doubts and be a stronger witness for Christ? Write this down so that you can be reminded of how important it is and what you need to do.

CLOSING PRAYER:

God, we thank you for these words. Help us to apply them to our lives and to the ministry we do in this church and our service to all the world. Jesus, continue speaking to us so that we can know your will and follow you. Holy Spirit, guide us in a way that leads to hope, love and grace. Amen.