

## Ascension, May 24, 2020

**Background:** In Matthew's version of Jesus's farewell address, his words to his disciples are direct commands: "Go, baptize, and teach!" accompanied by his promise of his ever-constant presence. This passage is referred to as the Great Commission.

### Some Discussion Questions

1. As the time for your own full initiation into the Body of Christ comes closer, how do you feel Christ is already urging you on? Where do you feel called to go and bear witness?
2. How have your doubts kept you from bearing witness? How were they overcome?
3. The angel told the disciples to stop looking up into the skies; our lives are lived here on earth. What is still your biggest distraction from the work of building God's kingdom here?
4. What special gift do you hope that the Spirit will give you?

**Practice:** There is a long tradition of prayer between Ascension and Pentecost with many resources available online. Pray this week personally and as a household for a fresh gift of the Spirit.

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