



Introduction

In this second part of the message continued from the previous week, covering Mark 16:9-20 we'll focus on what Jesus called his followers to do in response to his resurrection. His disciples were to continue the ministry he had begun, by words and actions. They were to proclaim the gospel (words) and demonstrate the gospel's redemptive power (actions).

Observation/Interpretation

- Read through Mark 16.9-20 and see how many times Jesus' disciples spoke of the event of the resurrection.
- Jesus said that "signs will accompany those who believe" (Mark 16:17). How have signs, wonders and miracles been abused by many within the church? How are signs, wonders and miracles to be like sign-posts which point to the restored order of all things, that Jesus promised, and encouraged us to pray for (e.g. "let your will be done on earth as it is in heaven")?

Application

- It's been said that, "Jesus' followers, follow Jesus". In other words, if we claim to be Christians, then our lives are to look and act something like his. What are some ways in which we can better show forth the testimony of God's redemptive work of our lives to others around us who do not know Jesus?

Prayer

- Pray that the Holy Spirit would give you boldness and strength to live in such a way to demonstrate and communicate God's redemptive power in your lives.

Community Group Discussion

- Read the passage together out loud.
- Involve your group by asking/answering the study questions, taking the time to share.
- Ask for prayer requests and be sure to pray together.

Family Discussion

- Have your child/children read the passage aloud, if old enough otherwise you read it aloud.
- Involve them by asking questions.
- Ask for prayer requests and invite them to pray together as a family.

A great way to use of these notes is to start/join a Community Group

These notes can be used for personal bible study, yet, another way would be to invite some people together. We call these intentional gatherings, 'Community Groups'.

What is a Community Group?

Community Groups are small gatherings of believers (non-believers welcomed too!) that meet regularly for accountability, friendship, study of the Bible and prayer. Community Groups are an essential part of the mission of Calvary SLO Church as they are a place where we wrestle with the truths of the Bible and encourage one another toward the life God intends. Each community group is unique and molded by the people who attend it. Most community groups gather weekly and involve food, dialog, prayer, discussion for applying the Bible to practical living, and loving service to one-another. They're meant to be an organic and authentic expression of the church, actively living like the body of Jesus.

Why should I join/start a Community Group?

God is a Trinitarian God who is revealed as one in three persons: Father, Son and Spirit. We've been made to image God, which means we're designed for community & friendship. We often suffer when we're not in community, due to the brokenness of life, complexity of this world and the temptation to isolate ourselves. We encourage you to gather with a small group of friends, family or roommates on a weekly basis and use these discussion notes to press deeper into God.

How do I join the Calvary SLO Community Group eco-system?

We're enthusiastic about all forms of biblical community, however there are definite benefits to joining with the Calvary SLO Community Group (CG) eco-system. In short, the benefits are:

- **Training:** We have trainings intent on equipping leaders.
- **Support:** Each CG leader is assigned a coach to provide assistance and ongoing support.
- **Visibility:** CG's are promoted via the bulletin, website & given access to The City (our online social network).

To join all you have to do is sign up for the next upcoming training! Info: pastor James: james@calvaryslo.com.