



RBC CONNECT GROUP STUDY FOR WEEK 10/5/20

POST RESURRECTION COMMANDS

Reading: Matthew 28:16-20

¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'

Reading: Mark 16:9-15

⁹ It was early on the first day of the week when Jesus was raised from the dead. Mary Magdalene saw Him first. He had put seven demons out of her. ¹⁰ She went and told His followers. They were crying because of much sorrow. ¹¹ But they did not believe her when she said she had seen Him alive. ¹² After that He was seen again by two of His followers as they walked into the country. He did not look like He had looked before to these two people. ¹³ They went and told it to the others. The others did not believe them.

¹⁴ Later He was seen by the eleven followers as they were eating. He spoke to them with sharp words because they did not believe and their hearts were hard. And they did not believe the others who had seen Him since He had been raised from the dead. ¹⁵ He said to them, 'You are to go to all the world and preach the Good News to every person.'

Jesus was fast arriving at the time he would leave this earth to return to his Father. Before he left it was important that his disciples understood what their mission was to be in his absence.

- 1) From the two readings above, can you find some definite commands from Jesus to the disciples?
- 2) What, in your opinion is the undoubted 'action' word?
- 3) Over the years, how do you think Churches have done with this word?

It seems to me that the action word of many churches has become 'stay!'

As a result of 'staying' rather than 'going'

- 4) What impact has this had on our communities and, indeed, our world?
- 5) What specifically did Jesus command the disciples to do?

6) What is the 'Good News?' Why is it Good News?

7) Why is it important to 'GO?'

For reflection:

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? Rom. 10:14

8) **Is this still our mandate today?**

Prayer:

Ever loving God, whose will it is that all should come to you through your Son Jesus Christ: Inspire our witness to him, that all may know the power of his forgiveness and the hope of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen