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LifeGroup Lesson
Matthew 28:16-20
June 25, 2017

OPENING PRAYER:

Holy Spirit, thank you for your presence here. Thank you for guiding us as we journey along life's path. Thank you for knowing the words we wish to pray but can't. Thank you for your gentle whispers. Thank you for giving us great comfort. Without you, we would be lost; and so we take a moment to express our gratitude. And we thank you, Father, for giving us the Spirit, so that we may know the Son. In the name of the holy three, Amen.

BREAKING THE ICE:

- What did you agree/disagree with the LifeTalk this week?
- What was your favorite vacation?
- Have you ever travelled on a global mission? Describe...

WRESTLING WITH THE WORD:

Read Matthew 28:1-20,

- What part jumps out at you in this chapter?
- Who are the people Jesus is talking to and how do you think they heard this challenge?
- Based on the world we live in today, how would Jesus say this same thing to us in 2017?

Read the entire chapter of 1 Corinthians 9, either aloud or silently.

1. How do you see this chapter building on a theme?
2. Consider v. 19-23, what group of people are you especially aware of who need God's love: The poor? The homeless? Homosexuals? Those in nursing homes? Troubled youngsters? What barriers are there between you and these groups? What 'rights' would you be willing to discard to love them?
3. The entire chapter leads to a final discussion on discipline in the Christian life. Discipline which includes sacrificing personal rights and comforts for the sake of others. How would you describe your 'Gospel readiness' training program?

CLOSING POSSIBILITIES:

- How will your life be different based upon what you have learned in this week's scripture, lesson and/or LifeTalk?
- How can the group pray for you this week?

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:

Let not thy Word, O Lord, become a judgment upon us, that we hear it and do it not, that we know it and love it not, that we believe it and obey it not; O thou, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, world without end. Amen. ---Thomas à Kempis