

**An invitation to a divine purpose.**

Matthew 28:16–20

**Motivated by a great love...**

John 3:16–17; 14:15 | Matthew 22:37–39

- God's love for us.
- Our love for God.
- A love for what God loves: all His people.

**A Great Message**

John 17:2–3 | Galatians 5:1, 14, 22–23 | 1 Peter 2:16–17 | 1 Thessalonians 1:7–8

- Love
- Acceptance
- Forgiveness
- Inclusion in the family of God
- Identity

**A Great Purpose**

2 Corinthians 5:17–18 | John 6:68–69

**There is no “Plan B”**

Matthew 28:16–20

*We invite you to use these notes to continue the conversation throughout the week. Whether online or in person, we need to connect together! So take that Next Step and find yours today! <https://rlc.pub/groups>*

**Share your story**

What insight, question, or resolution did you discover from our time of worship together on Sunday?

When was the last time you were totally amazed? What happened?

**Connect to God's story**

**Read Matthew 28:16–20.**

Are there amazing things you've seen, heard, or learned about Jesus? Why do you think it's important to share those things with others? Why might we be hesitant to do this?

Why do you think some disciples doubted when they witnessed Jesus right in front of them, alive from the dead? What do you need to believe in order to move away from doubt into worshipful amazement of Jesus?

Why do you think Jesus' continual presence is important for us to accomplish the commission He's giving us?

What do you think could happen when we seek to obey His commission without remembering His promise to never leave us?

**Read Acts 1:1-4.**

What do you learn about Jesus' interaction with this apostles (disciples) from this passage? Why do you think it was important for them to wait as He instructed?

*Jesus' continual presence and our ability to accomplish His commission is rooted in the Holy Spirit empowering our lives. Have you received the gift of the Holy Spirit and rely on His daily strength? If you haven't then take some time to talk to the Lord about it. If you have, then spend some time giving Him thanks and praise for the wonderful gift of His presence!*

*I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.*

- Romans 15:13 (NLT)

**Real Life Prayer for 2021**

We have been on a journey together in 2020. We have prayed for a deeper, intimate, personal, and dependent relationship with all of God— Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

As we step into the new year let us build on all God has done, let us step boldly. Our word for Real Life church in 2021 is **impact.**

*Lord, have impact in my inner self.*

*Lord, have impact in my trust in you and obey your leading.*

*Lord, have impact in the words of life and hope you give me.*

*Lord, have impact in my family.*

*Lord, have impact in our community.*

*Amen.*

God has prepared us to be His light and life and to be an impact everywhere. Let the impact begin now!

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