SCC Small Group Study

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Celebrating Baptism
Matthew 28:16-20

Getting Started:

1. What beginning or ending of a play, movie, book, or speech sticks out to you?
 Why?
2. Why do beginnings and endings have such power for us as people?

Searching the Scriptures:

1. Read through the Great Commission in Matthew 28:16-20. If you were one of the original hearers of Jesus saying this, what would you think and feel?
2. Why do you think Matthew chooses to end his gospel here?
3. The word disciple got tossed around a lot in the sermon, what does it mean to be a disciple? How does someone know they’re a disciple of Jesus?
4. How did the church throughout the centuries follow through on the Great Commission? In what ways do you think they fell short?
5. What does it mean that Jesus has all authority in heaven and on earth? How do we reconcile this idea with the fact that there is still sin in the world?

Application of Scripture:

1. How well do you think we as a church do in making disciples? What areas do you think we do well? In what ways could we improve?
2. Keith stated that the whole church must be present in training disciples. Do you agree with him? Why or why not?
3. What does it mean for your personal life that Jesus is always with you?
4. What does it mean for us as a church that Jesus is always with us?
5. Why is it sometimes hard to tell other people about Jesus?
6. Why is it sometimes hard to instruct others to follow Jesus?
7. What are some ways you personally could make disciples?
8. What’s one way this week you will reach out to make a disciple?