



**Westminster Presbyterian Church
Sermon Based Small Group Plan
May 21, 2017**

**Sermon Title: "Two Commands and a Promise"
Preaching: Pastor Charles Svendsen
Scripture: Acts 1:1-11 & Matthew 28:16-20**

Open in Prayer (read aloud together): "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...and remember I am with you always to the end of the age." Amen.

Fellowship Question: In what ways might you fulfill the Great Commission in the context of your family? Work? Or Community?

Study Questions for the Sermon and Text: (choose as needed)

Read Acts 1:1-11

1. Ascension acts as an interim between the promise of Easter and the fulfillment of Pentecost. What things happened during this 40 day period?
2. Jesus asked the disciples to remain in Jerusalem. Why? Imaging their thoughts and emotions.
3. What was on the disciples' minds on the Day of Ascension? How did Jesus shift their questions?
4. How would you describe the Day of Ascension to a child?
5. What are the joys and challenges of WPC during our transitional time together?

Read Matthew 28: 16-20

1. The text says that all the disciples worshipped Jesus, but some doubted. Having witnessed Christ's resurrection and "convincing proofs" and "appearing to them" (Acts 1:3), why did the disciples still doubt? What did they doubt? Is it possible to worship and doubt at the same time?
2. What kind of authority was Jesus given? How would that authority empower the disciples? And us?
3. How are we today "going" and "making disciples"?
4. Why is the order of "baptizing" and then "discipleship" important for Reformed Christians?
5. How does the eternal presence of Christ make a difference in the global church, WPC, and our personal lives?

The Challenge: To have hope in the Great Commission as you seek to follow Jesus.

Prayer Options: (choose as needed for your group)

- Pray for Jim Mulick who lost his wife, Joyce, on May 13th. Pray for their daughter Diane. Pray for comfort for the both of them.
- Pray for wisdom and courage for our Pastor Nominating Committee.
- Pray for our church family during our transitional months together.
- Pray for our hard working and talented church staff.
- Pray for our nation and our leaders.
- Pray for our sister churches in our Presbytery of San Fernando.
- Pray for our children, JYF and SYF students.

Mission Encouragement for the spring:

- **The Shelter needs someone to provide the meal on July 5th – contact Katie Menees to sign up.**
- Make plans to be a part of ACTION Serve Day on June 3.
- Take time in your day to do a simple act of service for someone else.

Leader notes:

- Remind your group that the WPC YouTube Channel has the sermon videos. Just go to the WPC website and click on the YOUTUBE logo button.
- Last Small Group Plan will be June 2.