

What's Changed?  
Matthew 28:16-20

Review:

1. We are called to proclaim the good news of Christ to everyone
2. We must know the Word more deeply if we are to teach it more fully
3. We must live according to the Word, in true relationship with God and with one another
4. We must rely on Christ to be with us and within us if we are to be His disciples and to make other disciples for Him

Reflect:

1. Who do you know who needs to know Christ or know Him better? What can you do to invite him or her into a closer relationship with Christ and His people?

Go further: Read Acts 2:41-47

1. How did those who received Peter's preaching express their faith in verse 41? How many people joined the Church on that day?
2. According to verse 42, what four spiritual disciplines did the new believers practice?
3. What was the emotional reaction people had in verse 43? What were the apostles doing that might have prompted such a response?
4. According to verses 44 and 45, how did the believers make sure that everyone had what he needed?
5. According to verse 46, how did the new believers behave toward one another? How does this verse describe the way they felt?
6. How does verse 47 describe the new believers' relationship with God? What did people outside the church think about them?
7. What does verse 47 say the Lord added to the church?

Summary and Application:

1. Looking at the four spiritual disciplines in verse 42, which of them do you find easiest to practice? Which is most difficult for you and why?
2. What steps can you take to deepen your understanding of the doctrines taught by the apostles?
3. How can you spend more time in prayer? What adjustments do you need to make in your schedule to make this possible?
4. Do you have any Christian friends who are in financial need? What adjustments do you need to make in your budget in order to help them?
5. Many of the believers described in this passage probably needed financial support because they were far away from home and had to spend significant time in Jerusalem learning from the apostles before returning to their countries to plant churches. How can you help meet the needs of church planters and missionaries today?
6. What steps can you take to increase the harmony within your congregation?
7. Given what verse 47 says about the Lord adding people to the church, what is the role of prayer in the process of making disciples?