

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

WORD OF THE WEEK - Matthew 28:16-20

Jesus' eleven disciples went to a mountain in Galilee, where Jesus had told them to meet him. They saw him and worshiped him, but some of them doubted.



Jesus came to them and said:

"I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth! Go to the people of all nations and make them my disciples. Baptise them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to do everything I have told you.

I will be with you always, even until the end of the world."

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT...

In this week's scripture passage we see Jesus talking to his disciples for the last time before he ascended to heaven to be with his Father.

Imagine how the disciples were feeling...they had followed Jesus everywhere for three years, and now they face the scary prospect of being left alone, without him for guidance.

On the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem there is a church dedicated to the memory of this event, where you can see what some people believe to be the footprint of Jesus, before he went up to heaven...

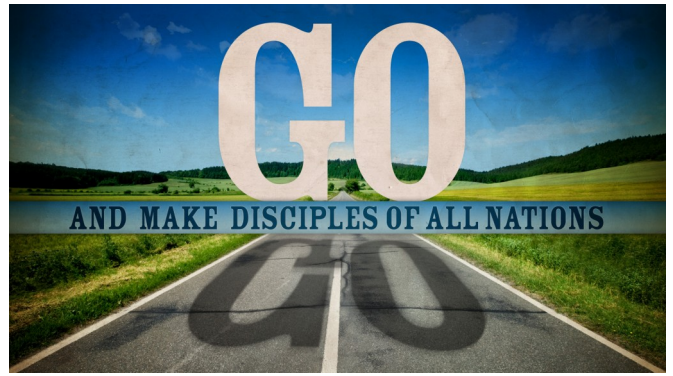
The disciples were now to walk in Jesus' footsteps... they were to face the future without Jesus being physically with them, but they had his example to follow.

As we face the end of this school year and look forward to the future, whose footsteps are you following in? Who has been a good example to you this year, showing you the path you should take when you needed guidance? This week, make sure you thank those people for leaving their footprints for you to follow!



SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT...

- Think about the last time that somebody gave you a job to do...what was the task, and why did they choose you to do it?
- Jesus said to his disciples: I am with you always. Do you believe him? Does this encourage you in any way? Or does it confuse you?
- We are told to go and make disciples of everybody...how can we do that? What physical actions can we perform to become disciple-makers for Jesus?



SOMETHING TO DO...

Watch the Marauders Map scene from Harry Potter...

https://youtu.be/9G_SdCcYFJw

Sometimes we have to be careful about whose footsteps we follow!
Following Jesus' footsteps shows us all the secrets we could possibly need to know...
the secrets of living life to the full!



PRAYER FOR THE WEEK...

Loving Father,
Your son, Jesus, left his footsteps for us to follow,
saying, "I am with you always".
As another school year draws to a close, we thank you
for your loving presence which is woven through each day.
Help us next year to grow more and more
into the image of Jesus,
by working together in your Spirit,
to build a community of loving kindness,
where each person is loved
and every moment cherished.
We ask this in the name of Jesus
our Risen Lord.
Amen

WISHING EVERYBODY A GREAT SUMMER!
STAY SAFE AND HAVE A GOOD REST!