



Small Group Discussion Guide

January 14, 2018

Sermon Title:

“Understanding a Great Mystery”

Sermon Text: Matthew 28:16-20

Scripture Reading: Luke 5:1-11

Leader: *Please allow a moment for introductions/visiting. Have someone offer a brief prayer inviting God to speak and lead using the group’s discussion.*

Getting Started: Do you remember the last words anyone spoke to you before their death? Has that ever made an impact on your life that you distinctly recall?

Discussion:

1. Make certain you have read the sermon text reading aloud today. What event is this capturing? (We have a special name for it: the G_____ C_____.) When did this take place in the life of Jesus?
2. We often emphasize this as the church’s “marching orders” to make disciples. As a mark of a converted follower of Jesus, Jesus spoke of an outward sign that we were to follow. What was that?
3. In the act of baptism, Jesus taught that we were to be baptized in recognition of Who? This gives us some insight into the mystery of God we call the “Trinity”.
4. Have you ever tried to explain the Trinity to someone? Have you ever heard any models that gave expression to “three-in-one”? (St. Patrick used the 3-leaf clover to model the Trinity)
5. The Pastor used these points to try to explain the three aspects of the Triune God”
 - * God the Father; our C_____.
 - (Reference: Genesis 1:1) (Yet, the Trinity was active in creation: Genesis 1:26; “us”)
 - * God the Son; our R_____.
 - (Reference: Job 19:25; Luke 24:21)
 - * God the Holy Spirit; our S_____.
 - (Reference: John 14:16,17)

Closing: *Close by sharing prayer requests.
Pray for each another and for the needs that were shared.*

GO SHARE JESUS!