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First Sunday after Pentecost

Lectionary Year A

**Scripture:** [Matthew 28:16-20](#) [Summary: *We Can Teach Like Jesus* ]

**Supplies Needed:** No supplies needed.

**ASK** (a.k.a. [The On-Ramp](#))

- Good morning!
- What are some things you have learned in school?
- Those are a lot of things that you've learned! Do you think you know some of those things so well that you could teach someone else the same thing that you've learned?
- You know – this reminds me of one of my favorite jokes when I was your age.
- Whenever I'd pass a grade, I'd tell my mom that I could stop going to school, now, because I could get a job teaching the grade I had just finished.
- My mom would always laugh at my joke. She was very polite in that way - to laugh at the same joke every year.
- But as a teacher, herself, it may not surprise you that she didn't agreed with me.
- She knew I needed to learn *at least* a few more things before I was ready to teach a classroom of students for a full year.

**TELL** (a.k.a. [The Freeway](#))

- I was wondering what you've learned so well in school that you might consider teaching it to others because that's what we see happen in today's scripture story.
- In it, we hear Jesus tell his disciples to go and do what he's done with them.
- He tells his disciples to go out and find their own students and to teach them the same things that Jesus had taught to them, the disciples.

- In other words, the disciples are being told that they have learned so well that they are now ready to teach like Jesus did.
- And that is a pretty amazing thing, really, what Jesus is telling his disciples.
- He's telling them that they are able to teach others the *very same things* that Jesus had taught!

## **SHARE the Good News** (a.k.a. *The Destination*)

- Sometimes, we think that what Jesus did was unique and that no one else could do the things that Jesus did.
- But today's story reminds us that Jesus did NOT think this way about himself.
- Jesus taught his disciples to know and then do the same things that he knew and did.
- Today's story reminds us that we can learn things about God from Jesus – much like we learn about things in school.
- And, the more we learn about God from Jesus, the better able we'll be to teach and share what we've learned about God with others – just like the disciples were told to do!
- This is the good news for today: That we can learn about God from Jesus, just like the disciples did, and then teach those same things to others – just like Jesus did.
- Let's pray. This is a repeat-after-me prayer.

## **CLOSING Prayer**

**Dear God,**

Dear God,

**Thank you for Jesus...**

Thank you for Jesus...

**...who taught the disciples...**

...who taught the disciples...

**...and us...**

...and us...

**...how to better know you...**

...how to better know you...

**...and then teach others about you.**

...and then teach others about you.

**Thank you and Amen.**