

RED LETTER CHALLENGE ... GOING (Matthew 28:16-20)

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As Christians, we have the greatest message of hope in the world. Especially on this Pentecost Sunday, we are reminded that Jesus has given us His Holy Spirit to empower us to go and share the hope that lives in us with the world. When one person declares what Jesus has done for him, it changes the whole community in which he lives. How can we change our neighborhoods, family, and even the world with the message of the gospel?

Everyone saved by God has _____.

If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen. 1 Peter 4:11

The First Words of Jesus:

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The Last Words of Jesus:

- Matthew 28:19-20
- Mark 16:15
- Luke 24:47-28
- John 20:21
- Acts 1:8

You cannot be with Jesus and _____!

Be courageous because _____.

Acts 1:8

You carry _____, but only God _____.

Romans 3:10, 3:23, 6:23, Revelation 12:11

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23 (NLT)

Where is Jesus calling you to go _____?

And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, "How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!" Romans 10:15 (NLT)

Questions for individual or group reflection:

What is a product or service that you love to tell other people about?

What is it about that product or service that makes you want to share?

Are you excited to tell others about Jesus? Why or why not?

How do the first words of Jesus (Mark 1:14-15) set the stage for His ministry and for our witness?

What did Jesus' last words have in common (see Matthew 28:19-20, Mark 16:15, Luke 24:47-28, John 20:21, Acts 1:8)?

Shouldn't Jesus' last words be our first concern?

Do you believe that Jesus has called you to make disciples?

Why might people be afraid to talk about Jesus?

Why should people (you) be confident to talk about Jesus? (Acts 1:8)

Does it help take the pressure off you to know that you cannot change a person's heart – only the Holy Spirit can?

But... how has God chosen to bring His Word to hearers?

Who might God be calling you to share your story of faith with? – remember, "Don't talk to that person about God until you talk to God about that person." Pray!

Pray: Heavenly Father, thank you that you have given us the treasure of your Gospel to carry in imperfect jars of clay. Help us not to keep that treasure to ourselves, but to share it with those who desperately need it! And Lord, help us to recount the great work that you have done in our lives – how we are changed because of you – so that we can share that with others. Remind us Lord that you call us to go, but that we do not go alone – you go with us. And remind us that while we carry the message, it is your Holy Spirit that changes hearts. May we spread the seed of your Word liberally, and allow your Holy Spirit to work in many hearts through us. May there be more people in heaven on the Last Day because of what we do today. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Do: If you have not written down your faith story (testimony), do so. Then pray for God to reveal someone for you to share it with!

Memory Verse: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." – Matthew 28:19-20

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He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.”

- Mark 16:15



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“and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.” - Luke 24:47-48



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“Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” - John 20:21



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“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

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*For the accuser of our brothers and sisters,
who accuses them before our God day and
night, has been hurled down.*

- Revelation 12:10



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*They triumphed over him
by the blood of the Lamb
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