

Diving Deeper

Via Lucis: Jesus Commissions The Disciples

As preached on 07.24.22

Read: [Matthew 28:16-20](#)

1. As we've walked the Via Lucis using accounts from the Gospels and Acts, we get a glimpse of how each Gospel writer made choices about how to tell the story of Jesus. It is likely each of the authors was writing to an audience of "insiders", but what they choose to tell and how they tell it is different, particularly in their conclusions. Matthew's gospel ends with a commission; Mark concludes with a cliffhanger steeped in fear and confusion; Luke forms a bridge to the beginning of Acts; John teases us with the stories he could have included but hasn't.) What do you find comforting and disquieting about these choices?
2. Do you describe of yourself as a "disciple of Jesus" or would you choose a different, perhaps similar term? If you prefer a different term, what makes that phraseology better for you?
3. Think about your personal journey with Jesus. Which stories from your journey do you think would be most encouraging to your Jesus-follower friends and neighbors? Would these stories be equally encouraging to those who have no knowledge of Jesus or would you choose to tell different stories?
4. **What** was the most meaningful experience I had this past week outside the walls of FHPC?
Who was involved?
Why was the experience so meaningful?
5. How did you feel about the participatory element in today's sermon slot? Why do you think you felt this way?
6. Purposefully take ONE opportunity this week to try out the "experience sharing" we did during worship. How did it feel? What would you do differently the next time (there WILL be a next time)?