Home Group Notes **W1** Mt.28:16-20 Disciples of all the world

Introduction

Many Muslims want you to be muslim. Many Atheists want you to be atheist. Many eastern philosophies (like some Hinduism and Buddhism) are happy for you to be whatever you are. What a complex world. WWJD?

- Are you of the same faith/philosophy as your parents? Have you changed faith? When?
- 2. In what sense is Christianity a world faith?
 [] it has believers in every part of the world
 [] it calls all in the world to become Christians
 [] its in all the books about world faiths
 [] it has more adherents than any other faith
 [] it is happy being one faith among many
- 3. From the introduction, can you understand why Christianity/Islam, Christianity/Atheism, Islam/Atheism are particularly prone to clash? And how they clash depends on their teaching about how you treat your rivals or enemies?
- 4. Do you find it good that your faith is shared by many people across the world? Why or why not?
- 5. Is your Christian focus more local or more worldwide? How do you pray for Christians across the world? How will you in the future?
- 6. Have you ever been proselytised by a person of another faith or worldview? Which? How?

- 7. What might be your reaction to proselytism?
- 8. Read Matthew 28vv.16-20.

Why was this Jesus' last chance to tell his followers something directly? Were they ready?

- 9. Why might Jesus say what he says in v.18? Might it help their doubting? Might it help them make disciples of all nations?
- 10. Which are important in Jesus' commission?
- [] going
-] making disciples of people
- [] discipling those of every nation
- [] discipling into the Trinitarian faith
- [] discipling by teaching obedience to Jesus
- [] the reassurance of fellowship with him when we do these things
- 11. Did Jesus mean this great commission just for the 12, or for those who followed them too? Just for then or was it intended to continue?
- 12. How might you respond to the great commission? Will you pray differently? Witness differently? See the world differently?

Prayer Points

Thank the Lord for this world in which he has placed us Ask the Lord to deepen your response to Jesus' commission Pray for those caught up in places where faiths or philosophies' competition has become tense or violent conflict Pray for all to proselytise without threat or force Pray for the needy people of Poynton, Stockport and Cheshire Pray for the team coming from NW Argentina Pray for who you might invite to 'Passion for Life'