

OTHER SCRIPTURES: Mark 16:15-20; Luke 24:44-53; and Acts 1:1-12

TO HELP US STUDY

1. Where was Jesus when he said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me"? _____
2. At the same time what did he tell his disciples to do? _____
3. Jesus said, "Whoever _____ and is _____ will be saved, but whoever does not _____ will be condemned."
4. Did Jesus plan to go away and leave his followers all alone? _____ What did he promise about this? _____
5. Where did Jesus take the disciples when he got ready to leave the earth? _____
6. Where did he tell them to wait after he was gone? _____
7. How long were they supposed to wait there? _____
8. Then where were they supposed to preach (Acts 1:8)? _____
9. When Jesus was carried up to heaven, why were the disciples unable to see him go up all the way? _____
10. Who came and talked to the disciples? _____
11. What did they tell the disciples Jesus would do? _____
12. Were the disciples sad to see Jesus go away (Luke 24:52-53)? _____ Why? _____

TO HELP US REMEMBER: *Young ones*—Mark 16:15, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation."

Older ones—Matthew 28:19-20

TO CHALLENGE TEEN THOUGHT

On the back of this page write down your ideas about how the church today can best obey the Lord's command to preach the gospel to all the world.

TIPS FOR TEACHING PARENTS

Two things stand out in this story about Christ. These two things are really present in every story in his life, but they are more prominent in this one. We want all our children to know these two things.

1) *The job Christ left us to do.* Christ's charge to evangelize the world is still the basic stimulus for most of our Christian activity. We are trying to fulfill this command when we promote family Bible study. We are doing the job of "preaching to all creation" when we send missionaries to Africa, but we are doing it just as much when we teach our own children. And our children will take up the task.

2) *The joy Christ left us to share.* When Jesus ascended, he left behind disciples full of joy. If we are his people and if we understand his power and purposes, we will share in that joy. Unless we open up this joy to our children, our methods of Bible teaching need to change.