

What Now? Mark 16:14-20

Mark 16:14 Afterward he appeared to the eleven themselves as they were reclining at table, and he rebuked them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen.

- Jesus clearly loves them. But he rebukes them.
- Jesus rebukes for:

Unbelief

- When you don't believe a fact, you don't believe the person.
- They have rejected Jesus. He said he would rise, and did.

Hardness of Heart

Ephesians 4:18-19 They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity.

Mark 16:15-20 And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. 16 Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. 17 And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; 18 they will pick up serpents with their hands; and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover." 19 So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. 20 And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by accompanying signs.

• There is the promise of power.

Luke 24:49 And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.

• They are given a charge--a mandate.

Matthew 28:16-20 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. 17 And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. 18 And Jesus came and said to them, <u>"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."</u>

- The proper response when you see Jesus: worship. Some still doubted. Amazing.
- Making Disciples of Jesus:

As you are going.

Go everywhere. Your family, friends. Harlingen. RGV. The US. The World.

Baptize them. Identify them with Christ.

Teach them to follow Jesus.

Jesus is always with us while we do this.

"The church of God does not have a mission. The mission of God has a church."