

## LOOK BACK

### Talk

- What are you thankful for as you think about this past week?
- What are you going through right now that you need God's help for? How can we pray for you?
- Who do you know that needs our prayers and how can we pray for them together today?
- Last week, we looked at Jesus' encounter with Peter in John 21:1-19...how did Jesus' restoration of Peter encourage you this past week? Did you share Peter's story with anyone?

## LOOK UP

### Read & Retell

- One person read Matthew 28:16-20 & Acts 1:3-11 out loud and the rest follow along.
- Someone else retell the story and others fill in what is missing.

### Discussion Questions

#### Matthew 28:16-20 & Acts 1:3-11

- 1) Why did Jesus instruct the disciples to not leave Jerusalem in Acts 1:4?
  - a. Why might Jesus have wanted his disciples to wait for the Holy Spirit to come? (Hint: Think about what difference the Holy Spirit makes in our lives. What does His presence give us the power and ability to do that we cannot do on our own?)
- 2) In Acts 1:6, what were the disciples hoping would happen?
  - a. Did Jesus respond to their question directly? Based on his reply in Acts 1:7-8, what did Jesus find most important for them to focus on in that moment in time?
- 3) In Acts 1:3-11, Jesus tells his disciples they will be his witnesses. In Matthew 28:19-20, what four things does Jesus tell us to do as his witnesses?

## LOOK FORWARD

### Application Questions

- 1) This week, what do you find yourself hoping would happen in our world?
  - a. Do you think this is what Jesus would find most important to focus on? If not, what might Jesus be focused on if he was physically living in this world in these times we're living in?
- 2) Since you began living as a disciple of Jesus, what are the most important things you have learned from him?
  - a. How can you obey Jesus' Commission (with the time and opportunities that you have right now) and teach those things to those around you who aren't Jesus' disciples yet?