LifeGroup: Here I am, Send Me

Notes 20th July 2025

Encountering, Cleansing, and Sending!

Today we're going to reflect on three powerful words that shape the journey of faith: **Encountering**, **Cleansing**, and **Sending**.

These three words reflect what often happens when people truly meet God. We encounter His presence in ways that can shake us and redirect our lives. We experience moments of cleansing, where God deals with our brokenness. And we are invited to respond, to step into his plans and join him in his mission.

Let's begin with a personal reflection:

- Have you ever had a time when you became deeply aware of God's presence (perhaps in worship, in nature, in prayer, or in a moment of silence)?
- What was that experience like, and how did it shape you?

Now, let's hear two passages that show this pattern in Scripture.
Could someone please read **Isaiah 6:1–6**, and then someone else read **Matthew 28:16–20**?

In both readings we see a powerful truth at the heart of the Christian life: being *sent* by God begins with an *encounter* with him.

Isaiah stands undone before God's holiness and is then cleansed and commissioned. Similarly, the risen Jesus meets his disciples on a mountain, reassures them of his authority, and then sends them to make disciples of all nations.

In both stories, we see the same pattern: encountering God leads to transformation, and transformation leads to mission**.** We are not sent because we are strong or perfect, but because we've been forgiven, filled, and called. The mission of God flows out of hearts that have seen him, been changed by him, and are now willing to go for him.

Today, we'll focus on Matthew 28:16–20. As you read the passage slowly and thoughtfully again, ask yourself:

- What stands out for me? What is God drawing my attention to?

After sharing your thoughts give the following summary:

This passage records some of Jesus' final words to His disciples after the resurrection. It's often called *The Great Commission*. Jesus claims to have all authority in heaven and on earth, and he entrusts his followers with a global, lifelong mission: to make disciples of all nations, baptizing and teaching them. These words are not just for the original disciples, they are for all of us. They remind us of the heartbeat of any Christian Community and call us to live with boldness, faith, and purpose.

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Living Out the Great Commission Together

As a small group, we are not just called to support one another. We are called to share in Jesus' mission. This is not optional; it is central to our identity as his followers.

Reflect together on the following:

- What would it truly look like for our group to take Jesus' Great Commission seriously?
- How are we currently balancing care for one another (*inward focus*) with reaching others (*outward mission*)?
- What might God be asking us to **start**, **strengthen**, or **surrender** in order to be more faithful to his calling?

Task:

Take time together to pray about what you've shared and discussed. Ask the Lord to guide your thoughts toward a specific, practical response or commitment that flows from your conversation.

Don't rush, create space to listen and discern what God might be saying. Trust that He will speak to your group and make clear what He is calling you to do *together*.

Then, turn that shared sense of calling into a group prayer: a prayer of faith, vision, and commitment. Let it express your willingness to follow where God is leading.

Keep coming back to it until you begin to see movement, change, and fruit. Don't let it stay as discussion—let it become part of your discipleship and shared mission**.**