



Key Scripture:

Isaiah 41:17–20 (ESV)

¹⁷ When the poor and needy seek water,
and there is none, and their tongue is parched with thirst,
I the LORD will answer them;
I the God of Israel will not forsake them.
¹⁸ I will open rivers on the bare heights,
and fountains in the midst of the valleys.
I will make the wilderness a pool of water,
and the dry land springs of water.
¹⁹ I will put in the wilderness the cedar,
the acacia, the myrtle, and the olive.
I will set in the desert the cypress,
the plane and the pine together,
²⁰ that they may see and know,
may consider and understand together,
that the hand of the LORD has done this,
the Holy One of Israel has created it.

Matthew 28:16–20 (ESV)

¹⁶ 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, “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.”

Discussion Questions:

Since coming to Oceanside, do you believe that God has put you in this community for a reason?

Tyrone, on Sunday, said that, “[we] will have to continue to take huge steps of faith to continue to fulfill that which God has called [us] to do.” **What specific things do you have faith for Oceanside about in the next 20 years? Do you think you will be a part of Oceanside in 20 years?**

“You will always feel significant financial pressure doing the will of God.” And, off of the back of that statement, Tyrone said, “The question has to move from ‘can we afford it?’ to ‘did God say it?’” **What do you think about this? What areas, other than finances, does this faith-attitude need to overflow in to?**

“In this season you are going to have to be way more passionate about what you stand for than what you stand against.” **Do you think Jesus used this strategy? What can you see that He was for and against in the gospels?**

Read Isaiah 41:17-20. Verse 17 shows the people in our mission field. **How does this imagery reflect the people around you outside of church?**

How do verses 18-19 display what the church is supposed to do in this desert land? In verse 20 the people in the desert see what God has done. **Are we pursuing a church that will display the same thing? What do the people of Nanaimo see in the church?**

In Philippians 3:10 the word Paul used in his pursuit of knowing Christ is similar to the Hebrew word Yada, which is the word when Adam knew Eve. **How should this word inspire our knowing of Christ?**

The Great Commission in Matthew 28:16-20 is for each of us. **How could God use you to “make disciples”?**

In 20 years, how will you have gone deeper in knowing Christ? And making disciples to follow him?