Title: Now What?

Text: Matthew 28:18-20

**Target:** Jesus was raised in power for you to live in it. But how?

- 1. Recognize <u>Authority</u>: "And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me." (Vs. 18)
  - a. Supremacy of Christ: "All authority"
    - i. No Rivals
    - ii. Every Realm
  - b. Sovereignty of Christ: "Heaven and Earth"
    - i. Spiritual and Physical
    - ii. Principalities and Dominions

**Discussion Question #1:** Where in your life are you still living as if Jesus doesn't have all authority?

**Discussion Question #2:** How does recognizing Jesus' supremacy over "every realm" challenge the way you face spiritual or physical struggles?

**Discussion Question #3:** Are there areas where you are still resisting His sovereignty, holding on to your own control?

- 2. Live Intentionally: "Go therefore..."
  - a. Imperative of "Go": In His Name
  - b. Implication of "Therefore": In His Nature

**Discussion Question #4:** What would it look like for you to truly "go" in His name rather than staying in comfort?

**Discussion Question #5:** How does understanding the "therefore" — acting in His nature — change the way you approach your daily life and decisions?

**Discussion Question #6:** Are you living more reactively or intentionally when it comes to advancing the Kingdom?

- 3. Invest <u>Personally:</u> "Make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you..." (Vs. 19b-20a)
  - a. Mission: "Make Disciples"
    - i. Personal Evangelism
    - ii. Spiritual Formation
  - b. Method: "Baptizing" and "Teaching"
    - i. Baptism: Public Confession
    - ii. Teaching: Life Transformation

**Discussion Question #7:** Who are you actively discipling right now, and who is discipling you?

**Discussion Question #8:** In what ways does your life publicly confess Christ (like baptism symbolizes)?

**Discussion Question #9:** Is your teaching — by word and example — leading to life transformation in others, or just information transfer?

- **4.** Trust Fully: "And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Vs. 20b)
  - **a. Equipped:** "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." (Acts 1:8)
  - **b. Empowered:** "And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." (Acts 2:4)

**Discussion Question #10:** When was the last time you truly trusted the Holy Spirit to empower you beyond your natural ability?

**Discussion Question #11:** What fears keep you from stepping out boldly as His witness?

**Discussion Question #12:** How can you cultivate deeper trust that Jesus is truly with you always?

Takeaway: New Day. New Wine. (Acts 2:13)