

I Have Decided

Against All Odds, Acts 1:6-9, Matthew 28:16-20

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Community Group Discussion Questions

PLEASE READ BEFORE LEADING DISCUSSION

- Recommended questions are highlighted in bold, but select 5 or 6 questions you think will work best for your group discussion. You likely won't have time to discuss all of the questions so choose which questions you will ask ahead of time and make sure to provide plenty of time to focus on the application questions.
- Feel free to edit or reword questions to best fit your group.
- You may want to print out copies of this document for everyone so they can follow along with the questions as you read them.
- Check out this Facilitation Guide (<http://bit.ly/CGFacilitationGuide>) for tips on leading good discussions.

ICEBREAKER (5-10 Minutes)

1. **Share your name and answer the following question:**
 - **What is one of the biggest surprises you've experienced? How did you respond?**

OPENING THE DISCUSSION (5-10 Minutes) – Have someone recap the message in about a minute or two and then ask the following questions:

2. What did you find most encouraging or challenging from Sunday's message and baptism service?
3. **Drew said there are 2 distinguishing marks of a disciple: public baptism and ongoing growth.**
 - **Have you been baptized? What do you remember about that day?**
 - **If not, what is holding you back?**

DIGGING DEEPER (10 Minutes) – ask everyone to follow along in their Bible or Bible app. You might consider looking up these passages online and sharing your screen to review them together.

4. **Read Acts 1:1-11.**
 - **What do you notice about Jesus' final interaction with His disciples?**
 - In what ways do we respond like Jesus' disciples in this passage?
5. **Reread Acts 1:6-9.**
 - **What can we learn in these verses about where our attention should be focused as followers of Jesus today?**
6. Read Matthew 28:16-20.
 - What do you think of the fact that even the 11 disciples still had doubts after seeing the resurrected Jesus?
 - Jesus commanded His followers to make disciples, baptize, and teach them. What does that look like in your life?
 - Have you ever baptized anyone? Tell us their story.

APPLYING IT (10-20 Minutes)

7. There are 3 primary applications from Sunday's message: 1. Placing your faith in Jesus. 2. Going public with your faith through baptism. 3. Sharing your faith with others.
 - Which of these steps do you need to take? What is keeping you from taking that step?
8. Who is someone you would like to be a witness to and see get baptized? What steps can you take to pursue that?