The Great Commission September 11, 2022

*Matthew 28:16-20 Guest Speaker: Nick Helliwell*

1. Talk about the difference between baggage and garbage. Can you identify when Jesus encountered these in the people he interacted with in the Gospels?

Nick asks: how does the church deal with people coming in with garbage, baggage and questions? Discuss this. How can the church improve?

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1. The woman at the well asked some probing questions and Jesus revealed things about her past. Discuss what these reveal about who she was.

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1. A lot is revealed about Peter in the Gospels. Make a list of what you learn about him in the Gospels and what he says. What can you infer about who he was? Comment on the following: How do we know these things?
   1. He was married.
   2. He worked with or for Zebedee possibly as his fleet supervisor.
   3. He was older than John or James.
   4. He was educated in the Torah.

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1. Nick uses the phrase, “soul-satisfying answers to life questions.” What are ‘life questions’ and what are ‘soul-satisfying answers’? Can you identify people in the Gospels or Acts who asked such questions?

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1. Discuss what would be a good way to answer someone who asks a ‘life question’. What would be a bad way to answer such questions?

Can you identify in Scripture when Jesus, Paul, or Peter answered such questions?

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1. What would be a question, baggage, or garbage that you could work on this week? This year? Would you be willing to share that journey with someone else who is going through something similar? Would you be willing to help someone (teach someone to) deal with some of their questions, baggage or garbage?

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1. Do you agree that any Christian can baptize or teach something about the Christian faith? Can you? Will you?

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Study ahead: Next week, we’ll study Ecclesiastes 1:1-11