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La Jolla Christian Fellowship  
**Sparking The Flames Of Revival**  
**Episode 8: Go.**  
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**Mark 16:12-20**

<sup>12</sup>**Afterward Jesus appeared in a different form** to two of them while they were walking in the country.

<sup>13</sup>These returned and reported it to the rest; but they did not believe them either.

<sup>14</sup>Later Jesus appeared to the Eleven as **they were eating**; he rebuked them for their lack of faith and their **stubborn refusal** to believe those who had seen him after he had risen.

<sup>15</sup>He said to them, **“Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. <sup>16</sup>Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.**

<sup>17</sup>And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; <sup>18</sup>they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well.”

<sup>19</sup>After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God. <sup>20</sup>**Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it.**

**Vs. 12 *Afterward Jesus appeared in a different form -***

- Jesus is a master at bringing restoration in the “Afterwards”
- When Christ appears in the "Afterward" moments of our life, He tends to offer Himself in a different form and bring a new understanding and presence to your current reality.
  - We so often want the Jesus of our past understanding.

**Vs. 14 *Later Jesus appeared to the Eleven as they were eating.***

- **Jesus arriving at the evening meal was not by chance.**
  - This story (Vs. 12) is also found in **Luke 24**
    - **Luke 24:30-32** *When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?” They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together <sup>34</sup> and saying, “It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.” <sup>35</sup> Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.*
      - In both instances of scripture **Luke 24 and Mark 16**, the disciples were compelled into **action**.

## What to do with a rebuke:

**Vs. 14** *He rebuked them for their lack of faith and their **stubborn refusal** to believe those who had seen him after he had risen.*

- If Jesus rebukes you, it is an act of grace meant to compel you into mercy and Holy Spirit led life force and mission.
  - Don't let Holy Spirit Conviction lead you to despair. Repent and move on into glory.
    - 2 Corinthians 10:7 *Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.*

**Becoming the master of your “Afterwards”:** We often fail to capitalize on the setbacks of our lives.

**Vs. 20** *Then (Afterwards) the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it.*

- **Genesis 50:20** *You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, **the saving of many lives.***

## Small Group Study Questions

1. Why would Jesus appear to the disciples in a “different form”? Vs. 12
2. Jesus made eating together core to his entire mission i.e. *The Last Supper*. Why do you think eating together meant so much to Jesus. What was he trying to accomplish?
3. Jesus showed up in the “Afterwards”. What has been your experience in meeting or perhaps not finding Jesus in the “afterward” and difficult moments of your life?
4. Jesus “rebuked the disciples” for their “stubborn disbelief”. What do you think caused them to be stubborn and can you relate?
5. The disciples redeemed their failure of belief by activating faith and going back out into the world a changed and courageous people. Is this how you have responded to your moments of failure in life? If not, what would be the impetus for change?