

Shirley Baptist Church
Life Group Notes for Sunday 5 May
Close Encounters 5: Up the Mountain

Have you ever been up a mountain? What was it like at the top. Quiet? Awesome view? Majestic? What is your experience?

Read Matthew 28:16-17

- What was the first thing they did when they saw Jesus? What does this teach us?
See Matt 14:33, 28:9, John 9:35-38, Hebrews 1:6
- This was the 11 Disciples of Jesus, remembering Judas had hanged himself, they obeyed his command to go to the mountain, so why would some of them doubt?

Read Matthew 28:18-20

- What does Jesus mean by all authority in heaven and earth has been given to him? (v18)
If time you could look up these –
 - Authority to forgive sins (Luke 5:20; 7:48).
 - Authority to mediate to the Father (1 Tim. 2:5).
 - Authority to send the Holy Spirit (John 14:26; 15:26).
 - Authority to open the hearts and minds of His people (Luke 24:45).
 - Authority to reveal the Father (Matt. 11:27; Luke 10:22).

- Authority to give eternal life to whom He chooses (John 10:27-28).
- Authority to raise us up on the last day (John 6:40).
- Go and make disciples of all nations (v19) – where are your ‘nations’. Identify how you can make disciples, where, with whom.
- Jesus was baptised at the beginning of his ministry (Matt 3:13-17, John 1:29-34)
Did he need to be? Why should we be baptised?
- Read verse 20 again. Notice that Jesus says teach them to obey everything he has commanded.
What does that actually mean? Is it everyone’s job to teach – remember he was talking to his disciples.
- Luke 24:49 gives the clue to how we can do all this!

Take time to thank God for Jesus that, as verse 20 says, he will be with us always, to the very end of the age.