

# Mystic



## ☑ Prepare in Advance

- Have the *Bible Background Video* ready to view.
- Retrieve, review, and have ready the videos listed below (links are provided on this session's webpage).

## ☑ Finding God

- Read the text for this week, Matthew 28:16-20, then view the *Bible Background Video*.
- Read aloud the following poem, and invite the group to listen to it as if the disciples were sharing the words:

### Finding God

By Pedro Arrupe, S.J.

Nothing is more practical than finding God,  
That is, than falling in love  
In a quite absolute, final way.  
What you are in love with,  
What seizes your imagination,  
Will affect everything.  
It will decide  
What will get you out of bed in the mornings,  
What you will do with your evenings,  
How you spend your weekend,  
What you read, what you know,  
What breaks your heart,  
And what amazes you with joy and gratitude.  
Fall in love, stay in love,  
And it will decide everything.

The disciples went out from their experiences with Jesus to spread the gospel with the world, sometimes at great cost to their safety and freedom.

- What do you think they loved about Jesus?
- What visions do you think sustained them as they went into their world with the gospel?
- What did they have to decide to do or not do along the way?
- How do you think they were able to love all sorts of people, make disciples, teach and baptize without any sense of superiority, arrogance, manipulation or coercion?

## ☑ When You Share

What do you love about Jesus? What is it about God that captivates you?

When you share the gospel, which of the following descriptions best fits how it feels to share:

- like I'm presenting a required speech
- like I'm trying to prove something is true
- like I'm right and the other person is wrong
- like I'm responsible for another person's decisions
- like I'm sharing my story, with no need to justify
- like I'm offering something freely that has brought me Life
- What does your chosen description tell you about where you are on your journey with God? (do not condemn where you are, just be aware of it)
- Where would you like to be in your relationship with God?

## ☑ Prayer

Spend some time in silent prayer, asking God to help you "find him" in deeper ways, and share him with others "as you go."

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