



## To The Disciples | John 20:19-23

1. Read John 20:19-23. What emotions do you imagine the disciples were feeling when Jesus appeared to them? Why were they behind locked doors? What does that say about their state of mind?
2. Why do you think Jesus says "*Peace be with you*" twice in this short passage? What kind of peace is He offering?
3. In verse 21, Jesus says, "*As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.*" How was Jesus sent by the Father? What might it mean for us to be sent in the same way?
4. What do you make of Jesus breathing on the disciples and saying, "*Receive the Holy Spirit*"? How does this connect to Genesis 2:7?
5. Verse 23 can be challenging. What do you think it means that the disciples (and now the Church) have the authority to forgive sins (or not)? How does this relate to sharing the gospel?
6. Have you ever experienced a moment when Jesus "showed up" in the middle of your fear or chaos? What was that like?
7. What does it look like to live as someone who has been "sent" by Jesus? Where do you feel God might be sending you right now? Is there a situation or person in your life where you need to speak peace or extend forgiveness? What might it look like to do that in the Spirit's power?
8. How does knowing that Jesus still bears His scars-redeemed, not erased, change the way you view your own wounds or struggles?
9. What does it mean for the Church to be empowered by the Spirit rather than strategy or strength? Where might we be relying more on ourselves than on the Spirit?
10. Spend some time praying in response to your discussions.



What did you discover about God in this passage?  
What did you discover about people in this passage?  
How will you commit to obey this passage this week?  
With whom will you share what you have learned?

