

Reflection and Discussion Questions for the Week of April 8, 2018

Read John 20:19-29!

Memorize John 20:21 – *“So Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you.’”*

What encouraged, challenged and or confused you about this passage or sermon?

1. Describe a time when you witnessed the calming effect when somebody powerful showed up.
2. Which is your greatest concern and why? (Be specific about the concern!)
 - a) Fear
 - b) Being immobile with the gospel
 - c) Forgiveness
 - d) Doubts
3. Jon described how whatever fear we have can be personally overcome by the presence of Jesus. For example, the fear of death can be overcome by Jesus’ resurrection. What are some of people’s common fears? Then write the specific action or attribute of Jesus that overcomes those fears.
4. Why do people tend to cut themselves off from others?
5. How do you plan to share God’s peace with others this week?
6. What are the doubts or big questions you have about following Jesus?
7. Why can we offer forgiveness to others? Who do you need to offer forgiveness to? (John 20:23)

BONUS: Why did Jesus breathe on His disciples and tell them to receive the Holy Spirit in John 20:22 when Pentecost was still 40 days away (Acts 2)?