

Sermon Title: Living as God's People: Sent on Mission

Sermon Scripture: John 20:19-22



## **Sermon Discussion Guide (6/15)**

Begin the discussion by checking in with each person present and share prayer requests/praises with the group. Then, have one person offer a prayer for the group making sure to include any prayer requests that were mentioned earlier.

### **Scripture**

Read John 20:19-22 out loud. Discuss any initial thoughts you have about these verses.

### **Observation**

What stands out to you about Jesus's greeting of "peace be with you"? Why do you think Jesus repeats the statement twice?

What is the relationship between Jesus being sent by the Father and the way that Jesus sends the disciples?

Why do you think the word "breathed" is used to describe how Jesus gave the Holy Spirit to the disciples? How is the Holy Spirit being given related to Jesus sending the disciples?

Read 1 Corinthians 2:1-5. In what way did Paul preach to the Corinthians? Why did Paul preach to them in this way?

## **Application**

I am equipped with the peace of Jesus. What would it look like for you to embrace the peace of Jesus in a place of worry or stress in your life? How might living into the peace of Jesus give you more confidence in living out your mission?

I am equipped with the power of the Holy Spirit. What is God sending you to that is beyond your own strength and abilities? How might relying on the Holy Spirit equip you to go where you are being sent?

I am sent to live like Jesus. What prideful habit or attitude is God calling you to surrender so that you can more fully take a posture of humility when serving others?

Who is God calling you to serve and to share your faith with this week? What is one step you will take to go where God has sent you?

## **Prayer**

Gracious God, as You met Your first disciples behind locked doors, breathed Your Spirit upon them, and called them to new life, You continue to meet us today. Breathe Your Spirit afresh on us. Make us aware of the power and the peace we have in You. Send us out into the world to be witnesses of Your love and grace and to share with others the salvation found in Your name. Give us boldness and give us courage, and in all things may Your name be glorified. Amen.