

What Happened Behind Closed Doors? – John 20:19-31

Intro: Jesus appeared to the disciples behind closed doors, and this is what happened.

I. Their _____ was Replaced – 20:19-21

Fear - Negative emotion caused by the belief that someone or something is dangerous, likely to cause pain, or a threat.

A. Replaced through Christ's _____.

B. Replaced with Christ's _____ – 20:19, 21, 26

Remember the greatness of Christ's peace! – John 14:27

II. Their _____ Was Revealed – 20:21-23

A. Dynamic _____ – 20:21

B. Dynamic _____ – 20:22

Illustrate: Our generator, like us, needs a continual supply to do its job and to function properly.

When we are filled with the Holy Spirit, we have the supply needed to do what we could never do in our own power.

C. Dynamic _____ – 20:23

III. Their _____ was Rewarded – 20:24-31

Thomas - "I will never believe Jesus is risen." – 20:27

Thomas – "My Lord and my God!" – 20:29

A. _____ – 20:20

B. _____ – 20:28 (Also 2 Timothy 1:12)

C. _____ – 20:29

This reward of faith is for everyone that believes that Jesus is the Son of God, which is life, true life, meaningful life, abundant life, and eternal life.

Conclusion: The question for you is have you believed?

Small Group Study Questions

Develop

1. What was the most challenging part of this past week? The best part?
2. How do you think the disciples would have answered that question?

Dig

1. Read John 20:19. Why were the disciples fearful? Did they have a reason to be? Why or why not?
2. What does Jesus do to dispel the disciples' fear? Did it work?
3. What do these verses say about fear and/or peace: Joshua 1:9; Isaiah 41:10; 2 Timothy 1:7; Philippians 4:6-7.
4. Read John 20:22-23 - Why was it important for the disciples to receive the Holy Spirit? How about us (See Galatians 5:16-22)?
5. What did Jesus mean by "As the Father has sent Me, I also send you?" How does this apply to the church today?
6. Having gladness, security, and being blessed are results of believing in Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior. How have you experienced or are experiencing these in your life?

Do

1. What is a key truth that you learned from this study that you want to apply to your daily life?