



Our Mission

John 20:19-23

INTRODUCTION

- It's good to hear from our mission team as they serve in Honduras
- **John 20:19-23**

THE ANXIETY OF THE DISCIPLES

- **John 20:19**
- **John 17:9-19**
- **2 Timothy 1:6-8**
"6 Therefore, I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is in you through the laying on of my hands. 7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but one of power, love, and sound judgment. 8 So don't be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, or of me his prisoner. Instead, share in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God."

THE APPEARANCE OF JESUS

- **John 20:19-20**
- **1) Jesus Shared a Word**
- **2) Jesus Showed His Wounds**
 - **John 20:27-28**
"27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and look at my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Don't be faithless, but believe."
28 Thomas responded to him, "My Lord and my God!"
 - **Acts 2:22-24, 36**
"22 "Fellow Israelites, listen to these words: This Jesus of Nazareth was a

man attested to you by God with miracles, wonders, and signs that God did among you through him, just as you yourselves know. 23 Though he was delivered up according to God's determined plan and foreknowledge, you used lawless people to nail him to a cross and kill him. 24 God raised him up, ending the pains of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by death... "Therefore let all the house of Israel know with certainty that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah."

- **Revelation 5:12-13**

"Worthy is the Lamb who was slaughtered to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing! ... Blessing and honor and glory and power be to the one seated on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever!"

THE ASSEMBLY IS COMMISSIONED

- **John 20:21-23**

- **1) Another Word of Peace is Declared**

- **John 14:25-27**

"25 "I have spoken these things to you while I remain with you. 26 But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and remind you of everything I have told you. 27 "Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Don't let your heart be troubled or fearful."

- **2) Authority is Displayed**

- v. 21 – "As the Father has sent me, I also send you."

- **3) The Advocate is Delivered**

- **John 16:7 (NIV VERSION)**

"7 But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. "

- **4) A Message is Defined**

- v. 23

CONCLUSION

- 1) God calls YOU to join the mission
- 2) God calls YOU to remember the cross
- 3) God calls YOU to receive the gospel

– INVITATION –

- With every head bowed and eyes closed –
- If you are here and you are saved and you know that your faith is in Jesus... then dwell on those first two points:
Are you living on mission... do you remember and live in response to the cross...
- If you have never given your life to Jesus – the Bible says...
- **Romans 10:9-13**
"9 If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 One believes with the heart, resulting in righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, resulting in salvation. 11 For the Scripture says, Everyone who believes on him will not be put to shame, 12 since there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, because the same Lord of all richly blesses all who call on him. 13 For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."
- **Everyone...** that includes you
- Have you called on the name of the Lord for salvation – if you have not, you can pray something like this:
"Dear God, I am a sinner. I have sinned against You and I am bound and broken by sin. But today I trust in You to save me from my sin. I need a Savior. I believe in Your Son Jesus. I trust in His death, burial, and resurrection is enough to save me. I believe Jesus died for me because He loves me. And today I submit everything in my life to you. In Jesus Name..."
- – with every head still bowed –
- If you prayed that... then in a moment as we stand and sing, I challenge you to come forward to talk
- If you truly want Jesus to be Lord, the first step is to let it be known, and we need to talk about what's next...
- I'll be up here to guide you and talk with you about the next steps of what it means to truly be saved!
- If you are here and feel the Lord calling you to join and unite with our church – this is your time to respond to that
- However you feel the Spirit leading you to respond – as we sing: you respond