

the gospel of

JOHN

all intents and purposes

DISCUSSION GUIDE

WEEK 13: IT'S YOUR TURN

Read the Text

John 20:19-23

19 On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews,[a] Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." 20 When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." 22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

Main Point

In these passages, we see Jesus' desire for how we live our lives.

Just as Jesus was sent into the world, He also sends us.

Jesus wants us to share His good news with others! But if we're honest, many of us are not faithful to this calling. Maybe we think it's the job of vocational clergy, or that we're ill-equipped. Or maybe we've become lukewarm to Jesus' plan and live as though the power of the resurrection isn't real. Whatever the reason, ***the truth is that when we abandon mission; when we don't live life as sent ones, we are living in disobedience to Jesus' calling on our lives.*** There is hope though! We see in this

passage that ***Jesus promises peace and the leadership of the Holy Spirit, so we don't need to be held back by our fear.*** We are free to live our lives as sent ones.

Reflect Together

1. ***Who is God?*** Why do you think evangelism and us being sent is so important to Jesus? How did Jesus model being sent?
2. ***What has He done?*** Who has Jesus used in your life to evangelize to you? How did their obedience to being sent impact you?
3. ***Who are you?*** What holds you back from sharing Jesus with others? Why do you think that is?
4. ***What are you to do?*** What are some areas in which you would like to grow in evangelism? Be specific!

Abide Together

Pray together as an MC about what came up during discussion. Pray that you would grow together in your evangelism and sentness.

Mission Together

Who in your life needs to hear the good news about Jesus? How can you pursue them? Is it an invitation to coffee? Maybe inviting them to MC or a Sunday gathering?