

I. _____ Must Come Before _____

II. The Cross Turns _____ Into _____

III. Being _____ Is Part of Being _____

IV. The Spirit Empowers _____ People

V. What This Means for _____

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Group Questions

1. The disciples were hiding behind locked doors when Jesus appeared. What fears tend to “lock the doors” in your own life right now? How do you hear Jesus’ words, “Peace be with you,” speaking into that fear?
2. Jesus speaks peace twice before sending the disciples. Why do you think peace must come before purpose in the Christian life? What happens when we reverse that order?
3. Jesus showed His wounds to the disciples. How does remembering the cross change the way you see your calling, your failures, or your confidence in God’s mission?
4. The disciples rejoiced even though their situation had not changed. Can you share a time when your understanding of Jesus changed even though your circumstances didn’t? How did that affect you?
5. Jesus says, “As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” What does it mean to see yourself as “sent” in your everyday life (home, work, school, neighborhood)?
6. The sermon says, “To be saved is to be commissioned.” How does that statement challenge or reshape how you think about salvation and discipleship?
7. Jesus breathes on the disciples and gives them the Holy Spirit. Where do you feel most aware of your need for the Spirit’s power in order to live on mission?
8. Forgiveness is central to the mission Jesus gives. Why do you think forgiveness is such a vital part of what we are sent to proclaim and demonstrate?
9. The sermon asks whether the church celebrates comfort or obedience. Where do you personally feel that tension? What might obedience look like in a practical way right now?
10. The closing challenge asks whether we will live like we are sent. What is one specific step you can take this week to live more intentionally as someone sent by Jesus?