

### The Invitation

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#### In crisis, there is a danger, but there is also an opportunity.

“Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine upon you.”<sup>15</sup> Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise,<sup>16</sup> making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Ephesians 5:14-16

#### We invite God into the crisis, instead of just asking Him to get us out.

- The temptation of the enemy is to step back.
- The invitation of Jesus is to step up.

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!”<sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.<sup>21</sup> Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” John 20:19-21

#### Our Savior walks into the storm.

- We have peace in the storm because Jesus is with us.
- We have peace in the storm because Jesus conquered everything that would ever attempt to stand between you and the Father’s love.

#### The hope and love Jesus brings compel us to go.

“As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” John 20:21

And I said, “Here am I. Send me!” Isaiah 6:8

#### Praying Together

- 1) Pray for the sick and vulnerable all over the world, and eradication of COVID-19.
- 2) Pray for health care workers, those seeking a treatment, govt & church leaders.
- 3) Pray for business owners and those who have lost jobs or income.
- 4) Pray for the Holy Spirit to draw people to call on Jesus.

### Let’s Connect

If you could choose one item to never run out of, what would it be?

### Let’s Talk About It

In the midst of uncertainty, God is still certain. During times of crisis, while there is a danger, there’s also an opportunity. So, we invite God into the crisis, instead of just asking Him to get us out. Our spiritual enemy tempts us to step back, but Jesus invites us to step up to show and share the love of Jesus, especially in this time of crisis.

John 20:19-21; Romans 15:4, 13; Ephesians 5:14-16; Deuteronomy 31:8; Matthew 14:22-23; Isaiah 6:8

- Which part of the message made an impact, caught your attention or challenged you?
- Read Romans 15:4, 13. How does knowing that Jesus conquered everything that would stand between you and the love of God help you combat fear when it arises? What are some ways you can spread hope this week?
- Read Ephesians 5:15-16. Why is our natural tendency to ask God to get us out of crisis instead of inviting God into our crisis? What would it look like to invite God into your current situation and step up to God’s call? What opportunities do you have to bring God’s light into the world in this current crisis?
- Read John 20:19-21 & Isaiah 6:8. What are some ways you can go (responsibly, carefully) to show and share the love of Jesus with others this week? To whom is God ‘sending’ you (in keeping with the social distancing guidelines)? How does knowing that Jesus, who conquered all your enemies and is with you, give you peace and influence your faith whether there’s a crisis or not?
- Take some time to prayerfully invite God into this crisis, declaring His praise and praying the prayer points detailed on the message notes with your group.

### Take a Step

- Invite God into this crisis and let Him grow you through it. Resist the enemy’s temptation to step back and receive Christ’s invitation to step up. How would God have you to step up to show and share the love of Jesus at this time?

### Here’s My Prayer

This week pray the four prayer points detailed on the message notes.