

From Meetings to Mission

A post-Easter study of John 20-21



A Guide for Spiritual Formation

Series Theme: From Meetings to Mission
Text for the Week: John 20:19-23
Message for the Week: The Great Mission Meeting
Theme for the Week: Breaking up the huddle

Week #2

Opening:

What is one low (a bad thing) and one high (a good thing) that happened to you this past week? Write them down and take turns sharing them with the others in your group.

Where have you seen the work of the Holy Spirit in your life this past week?

When you were a kid, where was your hiding place?

Preparation:

Spend 1-2 minutes in silence with God to center and prepare yourself for your time with God today.

Read:

Read / Have two people in your group read [John 20:19-23](#) out loud.

[Clicking this link will bring you to multiple translations.]

As you read and/or listen to the text being read, circle, take note of, highlight, or underline what words, phrases, or ideas grabbed your attention and heart in these verses?

Write them down below and/or share them with those who are with you.

Respond / Reflect:

What percentage of the church today do you think has just enough religion to come together, but not enough confidence to go out?

What will it take to get them/us out of the room and into the world?

Do you remember your first encounter with Jesus? How is your first encounter with Jesus still impacting your life today?

When was the last time that you experienced Christ in the middle of the room? In the middle of your life?

Have you ever bailed on something that God was calling you to do?

When Jesus says "Peace with you" to the disciples, what does this mean for them? For us?

"Try It!"

This week Pastor Doug encouraged to take time to remember Jesus Christ. When times get hard, when tears come, when death looms, when fear overwhelms, remember Jesus. Find time this week when you can "come stand before him again" and embrace his peace and remember Him.

Prayer:

Spend time in prayer with/for the other people who are with you.

Pray this prayer together:

Father, thank you that Jesus, after you raised him from the dead, came to meet with his disciples, granted them his peace, offered conclusive evidence of his resurrection, and called us to be a part of your and his great mission for this world. Father, we confess that we spend too much of our time and attention on the "huddle" and too little time on the (mission) "field." Father, we long to spend more time meeting with Jesus, that we may be reminded of his love for us, and that we might be energized to be on mission for him. In the name of the Risen Christ, Amen.

Missional/Spiritual Practice for the Month: Joining God in the Neighborhood

During the month of May, each of us is encouraged to be active participant in the Joining God in the Neighborhood workshop being offered on Sunday mornings after the worship gathering at Covenant Church. Joining God in the Neighborhood seeks to help us learn, through action and reflection, how to join in the mission of God in our neighborhoods. Together we'll learn and practice listening to God and our neighbor, discerning where the Spirit is at work, and developing small learning experiments that help us deepen our 'ministry of presence.'