

## Disciples (upper room)

# Small Group Questions

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- Read **John 20:19-23**. What stands out to you in this text?
- Have you ever been locked in a room? What was that like?
- Have you ever felt locked in a room, figuratively speaking? That is, have you ever felt bound by fear, worry, doubt, etc.? What was that like?
- Can you imagine Jesus meeting you there?
- In what ways does Jesus giving us his peace help or not help you right now?
- Jesus sends us (the church) into the world in the same way that he was sent (v. 21). How did the Father send Jesus? What does this say about our mission?
- What does being sent into the world like Jesus look like for you? Be specific.
- Notice that Jesus sending is connected to Jesus breathing the Holy Spirit (v. 22). Why is this important? How is this good news?

OPTIONAL: Below are some thoughts about living in the world. Discuss which suggestions seem vital and which suggestions (if any) you disagree with.

- Accept others where they are
- Listen—what questions are people already asking?
- Gently push people beyond their assumptions and ways of seeing
- Be situation and people specific
- Be honest—be true to your light and be true to your darkness (Posterski)
- Live with integrity—In many places, the only way for the light of Christianity to penetrate is via the gospel life of a person of faith. What new generations are asking of Christians today is that they consciously live their personal faith (Galilea)