



Easter

at MeadowBrook

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, 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. (John 20:19-22 ESV)

Discuss

How did the Spirit speak to you through this sermon? What stood out?

Point One: Faulty faith in Jesus produces fear.

What fears have arisen in your life recently? How has it revealed faults in your faith?

Point Two: Jesus' presence and pardon provide our peace.

The Bible assures us that Jesus is with us always. Faith believes that to be true. How does faith in that promise replace your fears with peace?

Since Jesus died in our place, paying the full price of our failures past, present, and future and delivering us from death and judgment, how can we have peace in the midst of this hardship?

Point Three: Trusting in Christ's completed work produces our joy.

We see the Lord today in the Scriptures, and through them the Spirit strengthens our faith, peace, and joy in Christ. How has your time in the Bible been during this crisis?

Christ's finished work assures us that the work he began in us will certainly be brought to completion when he returns. How does that produce joy in the trials and shiftiness of life?

Point Four: Jesus' mission propels us to be on an empowered mission to others.

How was Jesus sent by the Father? What does that mean for us in light of vv. 21-22? How has he empowered us for the work he has given to us? What does it look like to live in the power of the Spirit?

What are specific ways the mission of Christ can propel you to minister to others during this time?

Respond

In light of this discussion, what are three specific actions God is calling you to take this upcoming week?

Praise God for the work he accomplished through Jesus, and pray for faith in the place of fear, peace in the place of worry, joy in the place of despair, and selfless love in the place of selfishness. Ask for opportunities to proclaim the good news of the gospel with others, and ask the Spirit for his help.