



This week we looked through John 20:19-31

This tells of two of Christ's first interactions with his disciples after the resurrection, and the way that he brings the disciples into his peace, sends them out to continue his work, and equips them with his Holy Spirit.

We see "doubting Thomas", and the way that the Lord overcomes his doubt and brings him into his people with the other disciples.

John then uses the story to speak directly to his readers, telling us that he has written so that we can believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and so have life in his name.

Here are some questions that might help get your discussions started... as always feel free to add, remove or adapt as your group needs!

- What does it mean when Jesus says "Peace be with you"?
 - In what ways do believers have "peace"?
 - How real does this peace feel to you?
- Read verse 23, how does this work out in a normal believer's life?
 - In what ways is this a challenge to your interactions with other believers and with non-believers?

- In what ways is this an encouragement?
- Why is it really important to see that this comes after verse 22?
- Read through verses 24-29
 - How is Thomas portrayed?
 - What encouragements are there for us in the way that Jesus deals with him?
- Read over verses 30-31... The gospel accounts are written so that we can keep on believing, and so have life.
 - What helps or hinders us in our believing? Why do we need to keep coming back to these stories?
 - What does "having life in his name" look like on a Monday morning?