



## **Covenant Group Guide - April 24, 2022**

### **Group Meetings:**

A good way to organize your group discussion is to focus on the sermon and preaching passage from Sunday. This week's preaching passage is: **John 20:19-31**. Reflect on the passage and the sermon together and share words and thoughts that stood out to you from both. If you weren't able to hear the sermon on Sunday, it can be viewed on the church's YouTube page.

### **Here are some questions that may help you begin your conversation:**

1. Jesus appears before the disciples who are locked in a house due to fear of the Jews and greets them with, "Peace be with you!" This is a common greeting to this day for Jewish people. Why would Jesus choose to greet his disciples in this moment in this way? What peace would they find now that the resurrected Jesus is among them?
2. Jesus tells the disciples "As the Father has sent me, I am sending you" and breathes new life in the Holy Spirit on them. What is Jesus sending them to do? As believers in the resurrection, how do we share the Resurrection message with others?
3. We see Thomas go from unbelief to belief when he interacts with the resurrected Jesus and declares, "My Lord and My God!" What was the moment you went from unbelief to belief in Jesus? How has your life been different ever since that moment?

### **Personal Daily Readings:**

The daily readings listed below follow the Narrative Lectionary for 2021-2022. As the name suggests, as you read each day's passage, spend time reflecting on how God's story continues to unfold through the scriptures and how we are connected to it.

#### **This week's readings**

**Sunday:** John 20:19-31

**Thursday:** Acts 2:22-36

**Monday:** John 21:1-14

**Friday:** Acts 2:37-47

**Tuesday:** John 21:15-19

**Saturday:** Acts 8:1b-3

**Wednesday:** Acts 1:6-11



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As you read each day consider the following questions:

1. What is the main idea of the passage?
2. What do you learn about Jesus?
3. What from the passage can I apply to my life?

### **Covenant Group Guide Typical Meeting Format**

1. Spend time throughout the week reading the daily Scripture passages.
2. Spend time sharing and getting to know each other.
3. Open scripture time in prayer
4. Briefly review last week's lesson
5. Read the current week's scripture as a group
6. Go through the Covenant Group Guide questions
7. As your group goes through the questions, encourage one another to bring up words or phrases that stick out to each person for further conversation.
8. As you close, be sure to take notes of words or ideas the group would like to investigate further.
9. Determine how you would like to go about gaining additional information regarding those words or ideas. (The church staff and pastors are able to assist as needed)
10. Share joys and concerns and close in prayer.