



October 11th, 2026

“As the Father Sent Me”

John 20:19-23

1. How does the Father’s sending of Jesus provide a pattern for the church’s mission today?

Where specifically is God calling you to bear witness to Christ—in your home, workplace, neighborhood, or relationships? How can you take a step of faith in this?

2. When you hear Jesus say, “Peace be with you,” what aspects of your relationship with God come to mind? How does the gospel establish peace between sinners and a holy God? (see also - Romans 5:1 and Colossians 1:20)

3. What is the significance of Jesus breathing on the disciples and saying, “Receive the Holy Spirit” (v. 22)? How does this relate to Genesis 2:7 and Ezekiel 37:1–14?

How can we cultivate greater dependence on the Spirit in our conversations with unbelievers, our service in the church, and our daily obedience?

4. What does verse 23 teach about the authority of Jesus’ disciples to forgive or withhold forgiveness? How does this relate to the gospel message and the authority of the church?
5. What does it mean to proclaim the forgiveness of sins rather than simply telling people that God loves them?