

# RESURRECTION FAITH

SMALL GROUP GUIDE

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## What Mission Requires

In John 20:19–23, we find the disciples gathered together after Jesus' resurrection—confused, afraid, and hiding behind locked doors. Even though the greatest event in history has already happened, their fears and failures still weigh heavily on them. Jesus meets them right where they are, offering peace, showing them His scars, and empowering them with the Holy Spirit. In just a few verses, we see the heart of the mission of the church and what it truly requires: facing fear, remembering Christ's love, and living in His power.

- Read John 20:19–23. What stands out to you as you hear this passage read—either something Jesus says, something He does, or how the disciples respond?
- Why do you think John emphasizes that the doors were locked and the disciples were afraid when Jesus appeared? What does this tell us about their faith?
- Jesus offers peace twice in this short passage (John 20:19, 21). What kind of peace do you think Jesus is offering here, and how is it different from how the world defines peace? (See John 14:27)
- Where do you need a deeper experience of God's peace in your life today? What fears might Jesus be inviting you to face with Him rather than escape from?
- How does remembering Jesus' love (especially His scars) change the way you think about your failures, guilt, or self-condemnation?
- Who might God be calling you to share the gospel with today? What would it look like to rely on the Holy Spirit's power rather than your own confidence?

## Praying together

*Pray over your group, drawing from Ephesians 3:14–21.*

