



Sermon Questions

April 5th, 2026 | Scripture: John 20:19-31 – Peace to You

Pre-study: 3 things from the sermon. *Write down 3 ideas, illustrations, quotes, or points that made an impression in the sermon.*

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- 2.
- 3.

WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Here are some other ways you can meet with God throughout the week:

Reflect on these passages that trace the theme of resurrection throughout the scriptures:

- Genesis 22:1-14
- Job 19:25-27
- Ezekiel 37:1-14
- Daniel 12:1-4
- John 11:1-44
- 1 Corinthians 15:12-57

Core Questions

1. This is familiar passage for many of us. What sticks out to you in verses 19-31 when you read it this time around?
2. The apostle John points out that the doors were locked in verses 19 and 26. What does this tell you about the emotional state of the disciples? Where do you see similar fears or anxieties today?
3. When Jesus says, “Peace to you,” what kind of peace is Jesus offering, and why do the disciples need that kind of peace?
4. More than words, Jesus shows the disciples his hands and his side. Why does Jesus show his wounds? What does that teach us about our future resurrection?
5. John includes a lengthy interaction with doubting Thomas. Where do you resonate with Thomas? How does Jesus meet him in that place?

Inward Grace in Action

1. How does repentance deepen your joy in the resurrection, and help you experience the grace Jesus has already secured?
2. Resurrection hope is both already and not yet. Where are you experiencing the ‘already/not yet’ tension right now?

Outward Grace in Action

1. Who is one specific person you could take a next step toward in gospel conversation this week? What would that next step actually look like?
2. How can this group support you in that through prayer, encouragement, or a friendly presence?

Scripture Memory Challenge:

*During this sermon series, our challenge to you and your CG is to memorize **Philippians 2:5-11**. This is the heart of the entire letter that will equip us to live with resilient joy.*

Serve: Easter Follow-Up:

If a new friend or family member joined you at a service on Easter, or you are seeking to move the conversation forward with someone else in your life, think about what it might look like to follow up with them this week. Pray for them, and begin the conversation asking what they think about Easter and the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Or take the next step and ask if they would like to study the Bible with you!

Look Ahead: Next week we will return to our sermon series in Philippians – Resilient Joy. The scripture passage will be Philippians 4:10-13 where we will learn how to grow in joyful contentment.

For Families: Ideas of how to keep the conversation going at home, in the car, or around the dinner table:

1. **A - Ask about the message:** Ask your children what is the best news they have ever heard? Was it that school was canceled? Was it that their best friend was on the same team as them? Was it that someone they loved got better?
2. **S – Share your thoughts:** Jesus rising from the grave is the best news the world has ever heard! John 20 shows us that Jesus really defeated sin and death, and that everyone who trusts in him can have forgiveness, new life, and be with God forever. Ask your kids what they think would be the best part about living with Jesus forever?
3. **K – Keep it going:** Pray together and thank Jesus for his death and resurrection. Then, think of one specific person your family could share this good news with this week (a friend, neighbor, or classmate). What could you say or do?