

John 20:22-23

Bible study questions and application

1. Jesus says to His disciples, "Peace be with you" (v19 and v21). We interpreted this to mean that the disciples could know "Peace with God" and the "Peace of God". Discuss these 2 aspects of peace helping the group to see the practical implications of this in everyday life.
2. Why do disciples have work to do in the light of John 20:21? What should that work look like in everyday life at work, home, community, the work place and the world?
3. Why do disciples need the help of God to do the work He has prescribed? Clarify the comment Jesus made to the disciples in v21 and discuss the work of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer referring to JC Ryle's comment "*...that until the Holy Spirit is planted in our hearts; we are not rightly commissioned for the work of ministry.*"
 - a. Every believer has the presence of the Holy Spirit in their lives (Romans 8:9)
 - b. Christians can grieve the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 4:30)
 - c. Christians must be filled with the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 5:18)
4. Why do Christians not have to invent or create the message they declare? Clarify the comment made by Jesus to the disciples in v23 and discuss...
 - a. The need for forgiveness in the world
 - b. The consequences of remaining in guilt before God
 - c. The blessing of being forgiven
5. How does the group respond to Atheist Magician Penn Jillette's question...?

"How much do you have to hate somebody to believe everlasting life is possible and not tell them that?"