SPIRIT OF FORGIVENESS John 20:19-23 Follow Jesus' Call 5-28-17

Hiding behind locked doors: Disciples Believers Unbelievers

Fear today & at the last day ... Rev. 6:16-17

Jesus comes to us Today to free us from our sins & fears.

1. THE PRESENCE OF FORGIVENESS

* Jesus Comes in Grace

- ~ Risen Jesus comes in person among disciples; comes to us w/ his Spirit!
- ~ Jesus pushes away fear & shame as he removes our guilt

Scars: Pain endured, Price PAID! Grace & Peace to you!

* Jesus Brings New Life

- ~ Jesus comes today to awaken our hearts to believe his forgiveness!
- ~ Listen to Jesus: Peace be with you! You are forgiven!

2. THE POWER TO FORGIVE

* Jesus Sends Us on His Mission

- ~Jesus sends us on His Mission to release people from bondage of sin.
- ~ Like Jesus, we're sent to forgive sins. John 3:16

* Jesus Gives His Spirit

- ~ Kingdom power of grace to forgive begins bursting out & spilling over.
- ~ Seems Pentecost begins to emerge as power leaks out thru Jesus!

* Jesus Forgives Through Us

- ~ Joy of being forgiven by Jesus moves us toward broken people.
- ~ Warn unrepentant, unbelieving people that Jesus is coming to judge.
- ~ Peace of Christ be w/ you! You are forgiven! Spread the good news!

See Page 2 for more reflections on Jesus' Forgiving Spirit

Jesus' Forgiving Spirit

Read & reflect together on the Word as a family throughout the week.

Acts 2:36-41 Peter's Sermon & Response

- 1. What is the response to Peter's sermon? Who is moving these people?
- 2. What is the promise to those who repent & believe in Jesus?

Acts 10:34-48 Peter Speaks With Cornelius' Family

- 1. What does Peter mean by the statement in v. 42-43?
- 2. How did the family respond to Peter when the Spirit came on them?

Acts 13:26-40 Paul Preaches in Pisidian Antioch

- 1. What is the good news Paul declares? (v26, 30-33)
- 2. Why does Paul focus on Jesus' resurrection so much? (V.38-40)

What is the good news? What is the warning?

Acts 26:4-23 Paul Speaks to King Agrippa

- 1. God changed Paul's life & then gave him a mission.
 - What mission Paul receive from God? (v.16-18)
- 2. How did Paul discharge his mission? (v.19-23)
- 3. What mission does Jesus give us in John 20:21-23?

How does Paul encourage us in doing our mission?