



6. "Peace and Life

This discussion guide includes preparation BEFORE the group and some guidance DURING the group meeting. Preparation before the group will help you, your leader, and your group to engage and respond to the living and active Word of God.

PREPARATION BEFORE THE GROUP MEETS

The aim of this preparation is to encourage good & prayerful observation of the text of God's word and the joyful experience of discovering its truth.

Pray and Read John 20.19-32

What are some lightbulb moments? Did anything stand out to you or was particularly challenging?

What questions do you have? Was there anything that you didn't understand?

How does the passage point us to the good news about Jesus? How does it help us to understand who Jesus is or what he came to do?

What are some ways that you could apply the passage to your life?

WHEN THE GROUP MEETS

Read John 20.19-23

Why do you think Jesus says “Peace be with you”? (think small picture and big picture)

What do you think verse 23 is talking about? (Hint: Only God can forgive sins!)

Read John 20.24-28

Do you think Thomas is doing the wrong thing or the right thing? Why?

What are some positive doubts that we might have?

If these doubts were to be answered, how do they help us to respond like Thomas does in verse 28?

Read John 20.29-31

Why is believing without seeing commended in verse 29?

Read John 1.7, 2.22, 3.15-16, 3.36, 4.42, 4.53, 6.29, 35, 40, 8.31, 11.25, 12.44, 16.9, 17.20, 19.35
What do you think John means when he say “believe”?

What is the result of belief in verse 31?

How can we encourage one another to believe?

How does this help us to proclaim the good news about Jesus?

Pray in response to what you have learned today and ask the Father for all that you need