



# Small Group Study Guide for April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019

*Our Savior Lutheran Church and School*

**Theme:** This week we look at the story of Jesus appearing to the disciples. Thomas knew that Jesus was the only one worth believing in, and Jesus gives Thomas a means to believe in him in the marks in his hands and side. John gives us a means to believe that Jesus is alive in the words that we read in the Gospel this week, words that came from eyewitnesses to Jesus' death and resurrection, so that we too can share it with others!

## **Getting Started:**

1. What is a situation that you've been in where you have had to have complete trust in someone?
2. Do you think you are more of a trusting person or a skeptical person? Why?
3. Have you ever had an experience feeling peace at an anxious time because of the words of God? Tell about it!

## **In the Word: Read John 20:19-31**

4. Why do you think that the disciples were filled with fear of the Jews in verse 18?
5. What do you think that Jesus means when he says that "as the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."?
6. Verse 22 says that Jesus breathed on the disciples. What happens when God breathes on His people in the Bible in other places (Genesis 2:7)?

7. Read verse 23 again. What does this verse mean for us today when we forgive people that have sinned against us?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. Thomas had to wait 8 days to see Jesus. Where has God been making you wait to see him work in your life?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
9. Why is the book of John written according to 20:30-31?

**Read Acts 5:12-20**

10. In verses 12-16, how are they fulfilling the command of Jesus in John 20:21?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
11. How is the action of the disciples different in Acts 5:17-21 compared to John 20:18?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
12. What do you think the reason is for this change?

**Prayer:** Pray that God gives you the faith to believe in him and His Word, and for all to put aside unbelief. Pray that others would come to faith through God's words. Pray that God would help

**Next Week:** Confirmation Sunday during late service! The Lutheran Hour Speaker Rev. Dr. Zeigler will be guest preaching at both services. Also come to Bible Study in the Music Room at 9:30 to hear from Bill Burmeister on how Christians can leave a legacy gift when we move on to life eternal.