

Leader Guide

What Now? Part 2

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THE GOAL

This week we are continuing to answer the question, “What now?” after the resurrection. The focus is on the role of the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer. Living on mission requires the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. We will also explore how the Holy Spirit brings peace in fear and restores us when we drift. Jesus meets us, restores us, and sends us. The goal this week is for each person to identify where they need the Holy Spirit—power, peace, or restoration—and take a step toward receiving it.

MY STORY

- 1) If you had to jump into a short-term overseas mission tomorrow with zero prep, what would stress you out the most?
- 2) What’s something you’ve tried to do on your own that you later realized you needed help with?

QUICK REVIEW

- 3) What caught your attention from Sunday’s message?

DIGGING DEEPER / TAKING IT HOME

Matthew 28:18–20 (ESV)

¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

- 4) What is the mission Jesus gives to every believer in this passage, and why is it impossible without the power of the Holy spirit?

The mission that Jesus gives all believers is to go make disciples. It's simply because this mission is impossible without Jesus. I also love that in this verse one of the things that He reminds us is that when we do this, He will be with us.

5) It's easy to have different definitions of things. With that thought in mind what does it mean to make a disciple? What is discipleship?

In its simplest form discipleship means to be a learner. It means I learn at the feet of the master which is Jesus; I am His disciple. This doesn't necessarily mean I have to go to a bunch of classes or that I have to be a theological person or a pastor. Making disciples means that I am sharing with others and teaching others what I do in my own journey alongside of Jesus. It means that I have someone who has discipled me and I pass on what they teach to someone else. I study the Word of God, and I share what I'm learning. We always want to make it about formalized study, but Jesus simply tells us to teach them to obey His commandments.

6) How does being 'sent' change how we view everyday life?

The idea that I am sent means that I have God at my back. I'm living out the very thing that He wants me to do with my life. Being sent also means that I'm on mission everywhere I go. The world that I live in is my mission field--the gym, church, my friends, the mountains, restaurants, etc.

John 14:26–27 (NLT)

²⁶*"But when the Father sends the Advocate as my representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you.*

²⁷*"I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid."*

7) How is the Spirit's peace different from the world's peace?

The greatest difference between Jesus' peace and the world's peace is circumstances. I can be in very difficult situations or in very painful situations and have peace through Jesus. If I am focused on the world around me and my circumstances, there's a high probability I won't have peace.

John 21:15–17 (NLT)

¹⁵*After breakfast Jesus asked Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?"*

"Yes, Lord," Peter replied, "you know I love you."

"Then feed my lambs," Jesus told him.

¹⁶*Jesus repeated the question: "Simon son of John, do you love me?"*

"Yes, Lord," Peter said, "you know I love you."

"Then take care of my sheep," Jesus said.

¹⁷*A third time he asked him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"*

Peter was hurt that Jesus asked the question a third time. He said, "Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Then feed my sheep."

- 8) One of the important keys about living a life on mission is about restoration. In John we have an example of Peter being restored by Jesus from the failure that he had during the crucifixion and his denial of Jesus. There may be many things in our lives that we've done or haven't done that need restoration. Why is it so important to allow the Holy Spirit to do restoration and healing to live on mission?

In Peter's brokenness he had gone back to his old work. Even though Jesus had shown him a new life and helped him live it he had given up because of his failure. So many of us have not stepped into the restorative work of healing and continue to live discouraged lives.

- 9) Is there an area in your life where you need greater peace, or a greater healing and restoration?

(Justin) I find that many times in my life I have a continual project of needing greater peace. It's something that if I don't pay attention to my connection to Jesus it easily slips. When I'm focused on the world or the news peace goes right out the window. With regard to healing; there's always more areas that can be healed, but there came a point when I was healed enough that I could live on mission and make disciples who make disciples.

- 10) If the mission is to make disciples and we need the work of the Holy Spirit in our life, we need His peace and His healing. What steps do you need to take in order to pass on to someone else what's been given to you?

I may need to take some time and pray and ask God to show me someone He wants me to disciple. Maybe I have never been discipled, and I need a mentor. I'm going to ask God to give me one. Going to church isn't discipleship, it's worship and I learn stuff but that doesn't necessarily make me a disciple. I need to lean deeper into the relationship with Jesus, and I have to give it away – that is the Commission He's given all of us, to go make disciples.

CHAIR TIME TOOLS

Reflection Questions for Chair Time: think about the following questions and pray through them with Jesus.

- 1) Where do you need the Holy Spirit right now?
- 2) Where have you drifted?
- 3) What step can you take this week to strengthen your relationship with Jesus?