

Easter@KHC | Eight Days Later (John 20.19-31)

1. Now, eight days after Jesus' resurrection, the disciples are locked in a room together hiding in fear. Then Jesus shows up and provides a blessing of peace.
 - a. What are you hiding from right now? What are you most fearful of?
 - b. How is Jesus currently meeting you where you are hiding and assuring you of his peace?

2. After Jesus gives them his peace, he gives them a purpose. He sends them (and us) the same way that the Father sent him.
 - a. How have you been learning to live out God's purpose for you in this season?
 - b. We have been empowered by God and entrusted with his authority. How does and/or should this shift the way we approach the way we live out God's purpose for us?

3. Initially, when the other disciples told Thomas about how Jesus appeared to them, he said that he would never believe unless he was able to see and touch Jesus for himself.
 - a. Can you relate to Thomas' doubt here? What are you struggling to believe about Jesus right now? What are you looking for as confirmation to help you believe?
 - b. How have you experienced God's grace in the midst of your doubt?
 - c. How can we make room for the doubt of others in our midst?

4. John ends his gospel by connecting two ideas. First, blessed are those who weren't able to see Jesus, and still believe. Second, John has written this gospel for those who weren't able to see what Jesus did, so that they can believe. In this way, John is fulfilling his purpose by telling others what he has seen Jesus do.
 - a. What have you seen Jesus do that you can tell others about?
 - b. What is the most effective way that you can share this with others?