CONNECT QUESTIONS

- 1) How have you seen God work in your life this week?
- 2) How have you struggled to obey God's Word and live out your faith in Christ this week?
- 3) Read Luke John 20:19-31. Three times, Jesus says, "Peace be with you!" How has Jesus brought peace to your life? Is there an area where you need Christ's peace today?
- 4) Can you relate to Thomas' doubt? How does Jesus respond to it?
- 5) Thomas has a profound confession of faith: "My Lord and my God!" Why is "believing" so important?
- 6) What does it mean to be "sent" as the Father sent Jesus? How should we live as "sent" people?
- 7) Take a moment to praise God, to pray for the needs of your group and our church, and to ask for God's guidance in the coming week.

Memory Passage

Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." — John 20:29 (NIV)

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Call to Worship Ken Kendall

Songs of Praise "Marvelous Light"

"In Christ Alone"

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

Prayer Phil Marozick

Announcements / Greet One Another

Sermon Pastor Travis

Seeing and Believing

Song of Praise "Reign in Us"

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

Benediction

John 20:19-31

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

²⁴ Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

Notes: Seeing and Believing

²⁸ Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.