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JOHN 20:21-23

How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)

BACKGROUND—“God’s peace enables us to live with one’s own badness and failings and also contentment under the ‘slings and arrows’ of outrageous fortune.” J. I. Packer, Knowing God, page 177. At this time the disciples were probably terrified!

TO SEND! As Jesus was sent from God and in obedience finished His work, we, too, are being sent to represent Jesus. (**John 20:21, fn 20:21, John 17:18-23, fn 17:18, John 15:16, John 4:34, 35, fn 4:35, I Peter 2:4, 5, 9, fn 2:9, fn 2:9,10**) *What gift has God given you to enable you to share your faith?*

TO RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT, *God’s empowerment in us to do His work through us.* (**John 20:22, fn 20:22, Genesis 2:7, fn 2:7, John 16:13-15, fn 16:13{1st}, John 14:15-21, fn 14:15, 16, fn 14:18**) *How can you know when you should share your faith in Christ with someone?*

TO TELL THE GOOD NEWS! “Christians can declare that those who genuinely repent and believe the gospel will have their sins forgiven by God. On the other hand, they can warn that those who reject Jesus Christ will die in their sins.” John MacArthur, The MacArthur New Testament Commentary, John 12-21, page 382. (**John 20:23, fn 20:23, John 8:24, fn 8:24, Hebrews 10:26, 27, fn 10:26, II Corinthians 5:17-20, fn 5:20, I Corinthians 1:18, 19, fn 1:19**) *With whom among your acquaintances could you share the gospel? How and when will you do this?*

Check up—Are you praying with your spouse and your family? Group—Pray for personal requests and bond together by fellowshipping together.