



SEIZE THE DEI

5 LIFE-CHANGING TRUTHS ABOUT GOD

The Mission of God

Pastor John closed out the “Seize the Dei” sermon series by preaching on the mission of God (*missio dei*). He preached on a text that comes after Jesus has died and resurrected, but before ascending to heaven. At the beginning of this passage we find that the disciples were filled with fear, presumably because Jesus was just arrested to crucified. In the midst of that very real fear and situation, Jesus arrives to bring peace and to remind his disciples that they are meant to be out in the world and not hiding together in fear. This passage gives us a chance to reflect on the situations that weigh on our hearts and to invite Jesus to give us peace and remind us of our purpose again.

VISION: Explain the purpose of lifegroup.

FAMILY TIME:

- Introduction Question: What brings me peace?
- Accountability Question: How have we put into practice what God spoke to us about last time?
- Sharing praise reports and prayer requests.

DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY: John 20:19-23

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.”

Discussion Questions:

- What strikes me from this text and why?
- What do I learn about Jesus?
- What do I learn about people or myself?
- What situations are causing me to feel fear and to not have peace?

- What might God want to say to me about these situations?
- What am I going to do this week as a result of this?
 - Then pray for each other over how we're responding to God's word.