Following Jesus TOGETHER
Follow Jesus out of the Grave
Into Joyful Purpose

John 20:19-23

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1. *How do you think the church in Canada is doing?*

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.”

2. Before- disillusioned and isolated

   After- Powerful Peace and Joyful Purpose (Mission)

3. Why did Jesus say "Peace be with you," twice?

   Shalom #1- There is peace in the presence of the Risen Jesus Christ!

   Shalom #2- We need peace as we go out into the world as "Sent ones"

4. Application for all of us at Community Bible Church-
   We also are:

   - a Community with the Risen Jesus at the centre (verse 19-20)

   - a Community experiencing and expressing Jesus' Peace (verse 19)

   - a Community of Joy and Celebration (verse 20)

   - a Community sent out as representatives of Jesus (verse 21)

   - a Community empowered by the Holy Spirit (verse 22)

   - a Community bringing God's forgiveness and reconciliation to all (verse 23)