

Bible Chat week starting 24 4 22

Read John 20: 19 - 23

1. Jesus breathes on the disciples. What does the gospel seek to convey about the nature of the Holy Spirit through this dramatic act?
2. Jesus immediately gives a binding ministry of forgiving sins to the disciples. In view of Jesus' earthly ministry, in what ways would they imagine putting this charge into action?
3. How can we share God's mercy and forgiveness to the world around us?
4. Is Thomas a hero or a villain in your eyes? Why?
5. What is this story of Thomas intended to convey about faith to the readers of the gospel?
6. Who is Jesus? To what extent can you share in Thomas' declaration of faith?
7. The disciples have received the Holy Spirit and been given a ministry of sharing forgiveness, and all that is backed by God himself. In view of this, what does it mean for us to catch our breath?
8. How is it that Christians can get caught up in *small, private churchy concerns*? As we pause and receive the Holy Spirit and catch our breath, what is it that really matters?