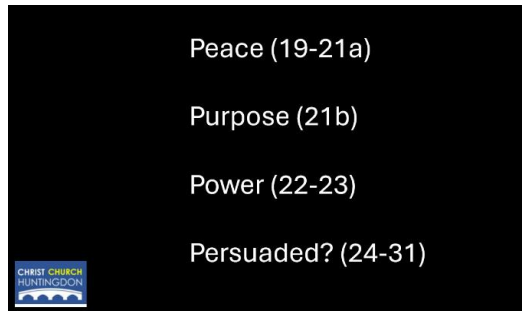


Dig Deeper: John 20: 19-31



Peace (19-21a)

- 1) Why should Jesus' first words to his gathered disciples, post-resurrection amaze us and deepen our love for Him?
- 2) What is the difference between worldly optimism/peace and the peace which Jesus offers? (You could use Romans 5:1-2 to help discussion)
- 3) Why should this lead to a sincere worship of Christ? A deeper joy in Christ?
- 4) How does this knowledge and truth impact our lives in times of suffering?

Purpose (21b)

- 1) Do we see it as a privilege to be asked to join in the divine mission?
- 2) If not, why do you think that is?
- 3) If not, what might transform our attitude to this?

Power (22-23)

- 1) Why are these verses a comfort?
- 2) On what basis can the church forgive and not forgive others?

Persuaded: Doubts, unbelief and belief (24-31)

- 1) What is the difference between doubt and disbelief/unbelief? (Re-think about why Thomas had disbelief/unbelief, not doubt)
- 2) Why is the distinction important?
- 3) How can we support fellow church family who are in a season of doubt?
- 4) Are there any doubts you have that you would value talking over or having prayer for? (If that feels like too much to do in a whole group, is there a person you could speak to about them this week?)
- 5) How does John's Gospel speak into disbelief/unbelief? (especially consider verses 30-31)