

Message Reflection Questions

Jesus Shows Up (and so do we)

As preached on Sunday, April 11th

Read: John 20:19-31

1. If you were sitting in that locked room with the disciples, what would YOU have wanted to talk about? (sharing experiences of Jesus, planning what's next, assessing the risk, voicing fears, etc.)
2. Have you ever had an unbelievable experience that you related to someone? How did they react when you told your story? What did you do or say to convince them of the truth of the story you've told?
3. As Jesus commissioned his disciples, are there further instructions you think he could/should have added (or maybe did add, but it wasn't recorded)? How important is it to you to have specific instructions when you're given a particular task or mission?
4. Thinking about Pastor Kevin's suggestion last week of living the resurrection (instead of thinking of it as an historical event) and Jesus' commissioning the disciples in this week's text, how might this change your view of Easter? How might these different perspectives change how you relate the story of Easter to someone?
5. Today, this second Sunday of Easter, what locked doors do you see here at FHPC? What reassurances do you find in Jesus' appearances? How might you bring those forward in interactions with your FHPC friends and neighbors?