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Sending You

I am sending you. Where are you sending me? **I am sending you into the world. Just as I was sent into the world, so also am I sending you.** Where are you sending me into the world? What are you asking me to do for you? When will this sending occur? When will I take on the assignment you have given to me? What exactly are you asking of me? What is the exact nature of my mission? **You have many questions.** Yes, I do. I want to make sure that I fully engage in the work you want me to do for you. **That's good. But I want to make sure that you don't misunderstand when and where I am sending you. Let's talk about the "when" first.** I'm listening. **On the day you gave your life to me and asked me to be your Savior and Lord, that is when your mission started.** How so? **On that day you started to be a witness for me in the world. On that day you began to tell others about me. You told people all that I had done for you. This mission, of your being my witness in the world, will never stop. You will continue to tell others what I have done, and am doing for you. You will even tell others what I will do for you in the future.** How can I tell people what you will do for me in the future? **Do you not know where you are headed? Do you not know that I am preparing a place for you and that one day I will bring you to myself? Do you not know that one day you will come to live forever with me in heaven?** Yes, I know all these things. **Yes, and you can tell others about them. Yes, I can. Yes, I will. That will be very good.**

Now let's talk about where I am sending you. This is exciting. **Yes, it is. But you may have an incorrect thought in your mind about where I am sending you.** How so? **Based on my telling you when your assignment began you may have guessed where I will be sending you.** I didn't guess. I have no idea where you will send me. How could I possibly know? **I will be sending you out your front door.** Out my front door? **Yes, the second you step out your front door, and often even before that, you will be my witness in the world. Wherever you are is where I want you to be my witness. Does that make sense?** Yes, that makes sense. **That's good. Now, will I send you to places that you have never been before to be my witness? Will you be my witness in places near and far? Yes, you will. But make sure that you are my witness, at all times, and everywhere you go. That I will do. That will be very good.**

Lord, thank you for giving me a mission. Thank you for sending me into the world to be a witness for you. Fill me with your peace. Fill me with your power. Fill me full your Holy Spirit. Powerfully use me to bear fruit for your Kingdom and bring glory to your name Amen

Promises*I Am Sending You*

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

NIV

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NLT

John 20:19-23

Promises*I Send You*

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

NRSV

John 20:19-23

Promises*I Am Sending You*

Then on that same first day of the week, when it was evening, though the disciples were behind closed doors for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, Peace to you! So saying, He showed them His hands and His side. And when the disciples saw the Lord, they were filled with joy (delight, exultation, ecstasy, rapture). Then Jesus said to them again, Peace to you! [Just] as the Father has sent Me forth, so I am sending you. And having said this, He breathed on them and said to them, Receive the Holy Spirit! [Now having received the Holy Spirit, and being led and directed by Him] if you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of anyone, they are retained.

AMP

John 20:19-23

Promises*I Also Send You*

So when it was evening on that day, the first *day* of the week, and when the doors were shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and "said to them, "Peace *be* with you." And when He had said this, He showed them both His hands and His side. The disciples then rejoiced when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, "Peace *be* with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them and *said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. "If you forgive the sins of any, *their sins* have been forgiven them; if you retain the *sins* of any, they have been retained."

NASB

John 20:19-23

Promises*I Am Sending You*

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

ESV

John 20:19-23

Promises*I Also Send You*

Then, the same day at evening, being the first *day* of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace *be* with you." When He had said this, He showed them *His* hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on *them*, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the *sins* of any, they are retained."

NKJV

John 20:19-23

Promises*I Send You*

Later on that day, the disciples had gathered together, but, fearful of the Jews, had locked all the doors in the house. Jesus entered, stood among them, and said, "Peace to you." Then he showed them his hands and side. The disciples, seeing the Master with their own eyes, were exuberant. Jesus repeated his greeting: "Peace to you. Just as the Father sent me, I send you." Then he took a deep breath and breathed into them. "Receive the Holy Spirit," he said. "If you forgive someone's sins, they're gone for good. If you don't forgive sins, what are you going to do with them?"

MSG

John 20:19-23

Promises*I Am Sending You*

That evening the disciples were meeting behind locked doors, in fear of the Jewish leaders, when suddenly Jesus was standing there among them! After greeting them, he showed them his hands and side. And how wonderful was their joy as they saw their Lord! He spoke to them again and said, "As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." Then he breathed on them and told them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven. If you refuse to forgive them, they are unforgiven."

TLB

John 20:19-23

Promises*I Now Send You*

When it was evening on the first day of the week, the followers were together. The doors were locked, because they were afraid of the Jews. Then Jesus came and stood right in the middle of them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The followers were thrilled when they saw the Lord. Then Jesus said again, "Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, I now send you." After he said this, he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven. If you don't forgive them, they are not forgiven."

NCV

John 20:19-23

I Am Sending You

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Promises – John 20:19-23

In Context: *Read John 20*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture: ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

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What It Means: ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

How keenly are you aware of the fact that Christ is sending you to be His witness in the world?

Why does your mission begin the moment you awake and have contact with others?

How can leaving through your front door remind you of the mission that you have been given?

When have fearful circumstances in the world attempted to divert you from your mission?

Why must you not let fear hinder your ability to be Christ's witness in the world?

How does the peace you have in Christ make you an attractive witness to those who don't know Him?

How are you relying on the power of the Holy Spirit to make you a fruitful witness for Christ?

Living It Out: ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Allow the Lord to send you out your front door to be His witness in the world.

Seeing It Happen: ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that the Lord is sending you out your front door to be His witness in the world.

Get Ready To Share: ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how you are being sent out your front door to be Christ's witness.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you allow the Lord to send you out your front door to be His witness into the world.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will allow you to send me out my front door to be your witness into the world.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how do you want to send me out my front door to be your witness in the world?
