

MIDWEEK MOMENT: May 27, 2026

Following the crucifixion, the disciples gathered in secret *“for fear of the Jews.”* Yet into that fearful gathering stepped the risen Christ. His first words were those of peace: *“Peace be unto you”* (v. 19). Jesus then showed them His hands and His side; visible reminders that peace with God was purchased through His sacrifice. The resurrection confirmed that sin had been conquered and the work of redemption completed. But Christ did not merely comfort His disciples in that room; He commissioned them.

In verse 21, Jesus says, *“As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.”* The disciples were now to go into the world as representatives of the risen King. This is the calling of every Christian. We are ambassadors of Christ, carrying His message of reconciliation into a world still trapped in death, guilt, and darkness. An ambassador does not speak his own message; he speaks on behalf of another kingdom. Likewise, believers are called to faithfully represent Christ in both word and conduct. We proclaim the gospel not as our own idea, but as the authoritative message of the King who conquered death.

Notice also that Jesus breathed on them and said, *“Receive the Holy Spirit”* (v. 22). Christ never sends His people without equipping them. The mission of the church is impossible in human strength. We need the power, wisdom, and boldness of the Holy Spirit to faithfully represent Christ before the world. What a joy it is to know that the same Savior who entered that locked room to commission and send His disciples still sends His people today. Fear may tempt us to remain silent, but the risen Christ calls us to go with His peace, His authority, and His Spirit.

Reflection: Are we living up to the King's standards?

- Am I faithfully representing Christ in my daily life and speech?
- Do fear or insecurity keep me from sharing the gospel with others?
- Am I depending upon the Holy Spirit rather than my own strength?
- Does my life reflect the peace that Christ has given me?

Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You for Your peace purchased through Your death and resurrection. Help me to faithfully serve as Your ambassador in this world. Give me boldness to proclaim the gospel, wisdom to represent You well, and dependence upon the Holy Spirit in all I do. May my life point others to the risen Christ. Amen.

Additional Scripture Readings

- 2 Corinthians 5:17–21; Matthew 28:18–20; Acts 1:8; Ephesians 6:19–20; 1 Peter 2:9–12

Looking Ahead

- Fifth Sunday Pitch-in after the Sunday School hour this Sunday, May 31st.
- Grief Share is starting a new 13-week session on Monday evenings from 6-8 PM with their first meeting on June 1st. Contact Linda Hoadley for more information.
- FBC will be hosting a VBS organized by Lifewise July 16th-18th. If you are interested in volunteering to serve, please contact the church offices.
- The FBC camping trip will be happening again this year, Sept. 24-27th. Look for the signup sheet in the lobby if you are interested in going this year, as we need to know how many campsites to reserve. More information to follow!