

Partnering with God to Forgive Sins

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Text: *Luke 24:46-47; John 20:19-23*

The Peace of God

- God's peace is Christ's _____ to you.
- God's peace was declared by Christ's _____.
- God's peace is _____ and _____.

The Purpose of God

- The purpose of God is proclaiming the good news of _____.
- The purpose of God is _____ not condemnation.
- The purpose of God is accomplished through _____.

The Spirit of God

- We are God's _____ in the world.
- We need God's _____ and power.

The Authority of God

- We are given authority to _____ of sins forgiven.
- We are given authority to _____ about sin.

Life Enrichment

What about today's teaching challenged, disturbed, or encouraged you?

- If you were given the task of forgiving or not forgiving people's sin, how would you accomplish the job? Would you be biased? What would be most difficult for you?
- How does God's peace play into our partnering with God to forgive sin?
- Why do you think Jesus thought peace was such a necessary gift (Jn 14:27; 16:33)?
- Does seeing the forgiveness of sins as God's primary purpose change how you see God, the world, and your responsibility? Why or why not?
- When John tells us that Jesus moved into our neighborhood (Jn 1:14), what do you think he is trying to teach us about the Church's outreach strategy?
- What are some ways we can neighbor so others get to know Jesus?
- How has the Holy Spirit inspired and strengthened you to partner with God to forgive sins?
- Why is it important for us to have God's authority to partner with Him? What does that authority commission us to do (Jn 16:8-11; Lk 24:26-27)?