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John 20:19-22 - That Sunday evening the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them! "Peace be with you," he said. As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord! Again he said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you." Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

We must put those two thoughts together to get what Jesus was saying to His disciples:
Big Idea: I am equipping you with all you need to go to the appointed places / people I have for you to get to.

Reviewing the Narrative of God: The words "send and sent". This is at the very heart of the story of God. God's desire has always been that the whole world would be in a close intimate relationship with Him. That His people would be blessed and be a blessing to all the people, nations of the world. God had interest to raise up a few people, family, nation to be a blessing to all the people and nations of the world. (Ex. Adam and Eve, Abraham, Israel, Jesus)

Christology
Christ

Missiology
Mission

Ecclesiology
Church

The word for church in the new Testament is ecclesia.

An ecclesia was simply a gathering, or an assembly of people called out for a specific purpose. The ecclesia never referred to a specific place or building. It was a gathering of citizens called out from their homes (behind closed doors) into public places.

Question: Why is it important to get our definition right of what the church is right?

Luke 10: 1-12 ... The Lord now chose seventy-two other disciples and sent them (ekklesia) ahead in pairs to all the towns and places he planned to visit. ² These were his instructions to them: "The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So, pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields. ³ Now go and remember that I am sending

you out as lambs among wolves. ⁴ Don't take any money with you, nor a traveler's bag, nor an extra pair of sandals. And don't stop to greet anyone on the road. ⁵ "Whenever you enter someone's home, first say, 'May God's peace be on this house.' ⁶ If those who live there are peaceful, the blessing will stand; if they are not, the blessing will return to you. ⁷ Don't move around from home to home. Stay in one place, eating and drinking what they provide. Don't hesitate to accept hospitality, because those who work deserve their pay. ⁸ "If you enter a town and it welcomes you, eat whatever is set before you. ⁹ Heal the sick, and tell them, 'The Kingdom of God is near you now.'

Two applications:

1. Prayerfully and intentionally consider the story of God as your #1 STORY. Play your role in the story of God.
2. Prayerfully ask Jesus: "Come and get me"

Discussion Questions:

- Do you feel like you are equipped to serve in the appointed places and with the appointed people God has called you to serve?
- Why is this so important to get right? (Christology, Missiology, Ecclesiology)
- What are some key points to consider from Jesus strategic plan?