



new life fellowship

Sermon Title: **Everyday Mission Series – Making Jesus Known**

Speaker: **Rich Villodas – Lead Pastor**

Scriptures: **John 20:19-23**

Jesus Appears to His Disciples

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

Sermon Summary:

This Sunday, we begin a new serving series on our missional value. Pastor Rich will explore what it means for us to be a community on mission, making Jesus known among our friends, family, and the world.

Sermon Questions:

1. Everyone has a “missional gene,” as Pastor Rich put it, to share about the things we love and are passionate about like movies, books, sports teams, restaurants or products, etc. What is one of the things you love that you can’t help but share with other people?
2. Pastor Rich highlighted challenges we have to being missional. We can lose our passion or restrict God’s activity to a place. We can also hold postures that stand in the way of a missional life like being apart, above, or against the surrounding world. Which of these challenges do you most relate with and why?
3. Read the Scripture passage again slowly and reflectively. What stands out to you about the way Jesus responded to his disciples who had denied and abandoned him in his greatest time of need? Remember, God is not waiting for you to be perfect before he sends you either.
4. “Wherever Jesus went, he lived like he was sent.” God sends us to those nearest to us: our family, our neighbors, and our workplace. How do you sense God is inviting you to join what he is already doing and be more aware of the people he has sent nearest to you?