



new life fellowship

**Sermon Title: Vision Sunday**

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**Scriptures: John 20:19-22**

### **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.

### **Sermon Summary:**

This Sunday marks our annual Vision Sunday, a time set apart for us as a congregation to reflect upon the calling God has placed on our community. Together, we will seek to discern more deeply what it means to live as followers of Jesus, sent into the world for its blessing and renewal. In addition, we will share a significant new initiative that will shape our life and ministry in the season ahead. We invite you to join us in prayer, worship, and expectation.

### **Sermon Questions:**

1. Reread the scripture passage in John. What do you notice about Jesus? What do you notice about the disciples?
2. The disciples were locked up in fear. In the middle of the fear, Jesus shows up. What is something you are currently fearful about when it comes to your faith or sharing your faith with others?
3. We are seen by Jesus and then sent by Jesus to see. How have you experienced being seen by Jesus or another Christian who reflected the love of Jesus to you? Take time to pray and ask Jesus who he sending you to see.
4. Jesus shows up, reassures the disciples and sends them on mission. He didn't bring up their mistakes, he sends them out on mission. “Everywhere he went, Jesus lived like he was sent.” What was your initial reaction when you heard the call to PIC3 or choose three people to pray for, invite, and intentionally connect with? Who do you think God may be inviting you to choose and why?