

## **Dig Deeper @Home – “For King and Kingdom”**

### **Complement to lesson on 1/19/25 – “Sent by the Sent One”**

#### **ICE BREAKER – Questions to open dialogue and learn more about those gathered**

1. Describe your perfect garden
2. Share a time you were sent on an errand. What were you supposed to do and how did it go?

#### **MEMORIZE – John 20:21-22**

Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.” (ESV)

#### **READ – John 20**

##### **Questions to ponder/discuss:**

1. Re-scan the text and consider...
  - a. What did the Holy Spirit draw your attention to as you read?
  - b. Is anything repeated? Contrasted? Compared? (If so... why might that be?)
  - c. What in these verses is interesting? What is confusing?
  - d. What are the verses revealing about God? What are the verses saying about people?
  - e. In light of these, what needs to change in your life? What are you already doing well?
2. According to John, what was the purpose of him writing his gospel?
  - a. What is the connection between belief, life and power?
  - b. How do you experience this in your life?
3. What do you notice about how Jesus interacts with his followers: Mary in verses 11-18, the gathered disciples in verses 19-23 and Thomas in verses 24-29?
  - a. What’s similar in these encounters?
  - b. What’s different?
  - c. What does this tell us about Jesus?

## **EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITY – Be a Garden**

Watch this music video for the song “Garden in Manhattan” by Josiah Queen. Focus on the lyrics and listen to it several times. Then consider the following questions:

1. What lyric stood out to you the most? Why?
2. What did the Lord say to you while you listened to this song?
3. Where has God planted you to be a garden?
  - a. How are you intentionally living as a garden in that space?
  - b. What, if any, tending does your garden need?

## **SING (or listen to)**

Reckless Love - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sc6SSHuZvQE>

One Thing Remains - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6\\_KXsMCJgBQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6_KXsMCJgBQ)

Gratitude - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UoHrBNTfzls>

Pursue Me - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RSI\\_-OE9t\\_E](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RSI_-OE9t_E)

## **PRAY**

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us, for this week.

### **Sending prayer based on the message:**

Jesus, you are sending us just as the Father has sent you. Thank you for the Holy Spirit that you given each of us, so that you are with us wherever you are sending us. May we be a source of life and light to others this week where we live, works, study, worship and play.