

Talk It Over

Questions are prepared each week and are designed to prompt insights, questions, and the life experience of each listener. If these are used immediately following the sermon, it would be much the same as what was done in Israel at the time of the early church.

For the sake of time, you may want to choose one or two questions.

Looking Ahead to a New Year

Warm Up:

What are some ways that you have rung in the New Year? How was this New Year (2021) different from the past ones that you have celebrated?

What is one thing that you can say positively about 2020? What is one thing that you WILL NOT miss about 2020?

Read:

John 20:19-23/ John 16:33/ Proverbs 12:18/ Matthew 5:9

Discuss:

1. How would you define a "peacemaker?" Who do you think of when you hear this word (can't say Jesus)? Why?
2. Talk openly with one another about a time when you were scared and God gave you peace. What happened?
3. Have you ever experienced peace through the act of forgiving someone or being forgiven? Please explain (your sharing could inspire someone who has not had the courage to do what you have).
4. How can your 2021 be impacted by living out John 20:21?

Personal consideration (*for contemplation, not open sharing*):

1. On a scale of 1-10, how would you rate your prayer time? Bible time? Consistency of worship?
2. What is one thing you could do today to improve your connection to God? (ex. get up five minutes earlier, find an accountability partner, have a better plan to get more out of worship).

Pray:

Take a moment and close in prayer as a group. Pray that in the new year we will find hope, be agents of peace, and strengthen our relationship with God.