

Beyond Sunday: Small Group Guides

Sermon date: April 24, 2022

Sermon Title: Thomas – Pastor Ryan

Scripture: John 20:11-25; John 14:24-27

Connection:

- 1) What do you remember most from last week's sermon?
- 2) How did you hear God's voice or sense His presence this past week?
- 3) What are you thankful for this week?

Reflection:

- 1) Summarize the sermon in one to three sentences. What was the main point of the message?
- 2) What did the message say about you, God's people or the world?
- 3) What would it look like for church to live this message?

Application

- 1) How do you know when something is true? When it is false? How do you make those determinations?
- 2) Re-read John 20:11-29. What stands out to you in this passage?
- 3) Why would Jesus say "peace be with you" twice to the disciples?
- 4) How does the peace of Jesus differ from the peace of the world? Where you are living in the peace of Jesus today?
- 5) What might we have in common with Thomas? Where are places we are skeptical about claims or about faith claims? How do we manage our skepticism?
- 6) Ryan mentioned four ways of knowing (epistemology). He mentioned innate (we are born with this knowledge), empiricism (we know by our physical senses), intuition (by our lived experiences) and authority (what others whom we believe tell us). Which way or ways of thinking do you value more when thinking about claims of faith?
- 7) What does John 18:37 mean for us today?
- 8) End by praying **together** for Jesus to be known in our city, country and world. Pray for many to receive hope through Jesus. Pray for New Horizons to be a lighthouse in Spokane, and for the Pathways project.