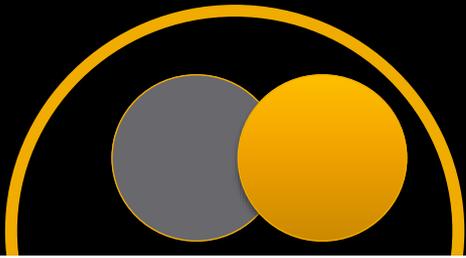
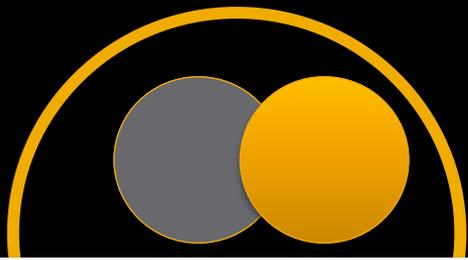


- **Peace**
- and
- **Power**

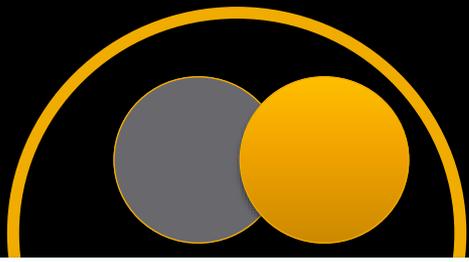


- **18 Mary Magdalene came, announcing to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord,” and that He had said these things to her. 19 So when it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and when the doors were shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and *said to them, “Peace be with you.” 20**
- **And when He had said this, He showed them both His hands and His side. The disciples then rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 So Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you.” 22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them and *said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. NASB**



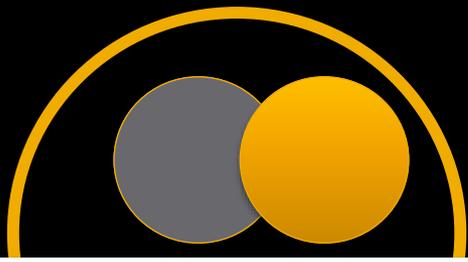
1. The disciples were locked inside

- They huddled together
- To try to make sense out of what happened
- **So when it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and when the doors were shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews,**
- **The Jewish leaders were angry**
 - Someone took the body of Jesus
 - Now the people will believe he is Messiah
 - The Plan failed
 - The disciples had seen their anger toward Jesus
 - They were unpredictable



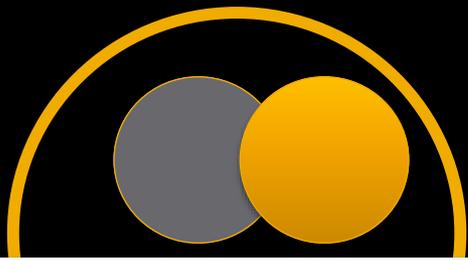
2. The disciples were locked inside...fearful!

- **“...the doors were shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews,”**
- **When people are fearful;**
 - We hide
 - We protect our loved ones
 - We confide in/gather with people we trust
 - We are sensitized to people who could betray us



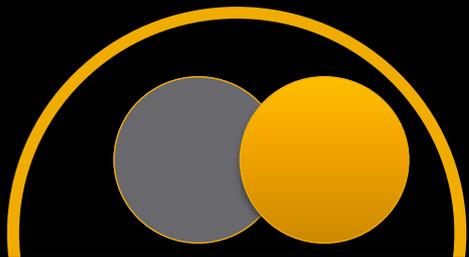
3. Jesus offered peace

- **Jesus is in their midst**
- **Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, “Peace be with you.”**
- **No indication of how he got there**
- **He brings peace in the midst of uncertainty**
 - **Jesus is risen; how did it happen?**
 - **The Jewish leaders are still angry**
 - **Where do we go from here?**
- **Peace**



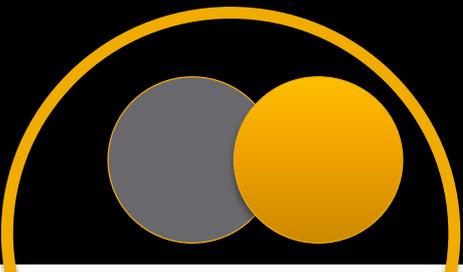
4. The resurrection brought peace and joy

- **Vs 20: He showed them both His hands and His side. The disciples then rejoiced when they saw the Lord.**
- **The fact of the resurrection changed them**
 - **From fear to joy**
 - **He is alive**
 - **He is with us**
 - **We are not alone**
 - **Jesus does miracles and can be trusted**



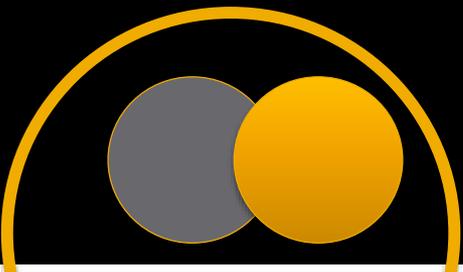
5. Jesus sent them

- Vs 22 "...as the Father has sent Me, I also send you."
- How?
 - Angry mob outside
 - Where does he want me to go?
 - Am I running for my life?
 - How do we get to where we feel led to go?



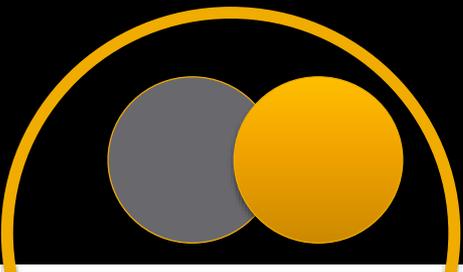
6. The Holy Spirit brought power

- **22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them and *said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.**
- **Acts 1:4 Gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, “Which,” He said, “you heard of from Me; 5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”6 So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, “Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?” 7 He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority; 8 but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”**



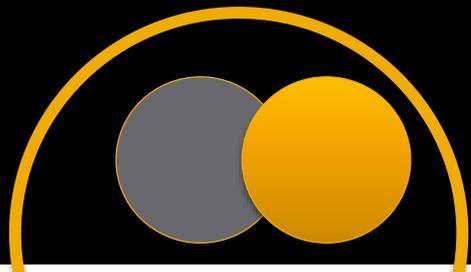
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- **22** And when He had said this, He breathed on them and *said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.
- **Acts 1:8** “you will receive power.”
- **Acts 2** When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2 And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance.



So What?

- **Use the means available**
 - Email
 - Letter writing
 - **Face to face electronics**
 - Skype, face time, zoom, etc.
 - **Talk over the fence**
 - Now you have time
 - Use electronics to re-connect
 - **The message?**
 - He is risen; He brings me peace, He sent me to you



The command is the same

- Locked in our rooms
- In fear
- Jesus sends us
- It seems impossible
- God makes a way
- God gives us power
- God helps us face our fears
- Little local witnessing
- Use the means available