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Connect Group Sermon Aligned Notes

Series Title: UNLOCKING THE LOCKED PLACES IN YOUR LIFE
Key Scripture: John 20:19-29
Sermon: https://www.woodvale.ca/pastservices
Date + Speaker: Pastor Mark Scarr - September 17th, 2023

Starter:

How do you deal with the locked places in your life?

Discussion:

Personal Reflection: Can you identify a specific "locked place" in your life, whether it's a hurt, habit, or hang-up? How have you tried to manage it or hide it from others, and more importantly, from Jesus?

Understanding the Disciples: In John 20:19 and 20:26, the disciples are described as being in locked rooms out of fear. What parallels can you draw between their physical "locked places" and our personal, emotional, or spiritual "locked places"?

The Power, Presence, and Peace of Jesus: In both John 20:19 and 20:26, Jesus appears despite the locked doors. What does this tell us about Jesus' ability to reach us in our most closed-off or guarded states? How does His greeting of "Peace be with you!" address the underlying fears or concerns that lead to our "locked places"?

Faith and Belief: Discuss Thomas' initial doubt and eventual proclamation in John 20:27-29. How does this relate to our own moments of doubt and belief, especially when confronting our "locked places"?

The Role of the Holy Spirit: Jesus tells the disciples to "Receive the Holy Spirit" in John 20:22. How does the Holy Spirit play a role in unlocking the "locked places" in our lives? How can we be more receptive to the work and guidance of the Holy Spirit?

Diving Deeper:

Allow Jesus to reveal any locked places in your life. He can bring healing, peace, and purpose to your life in ways you might never have imagined.