**“Breath of Life”**

Going deeper in John 20:19-23

**INTRODUCTION** – The morning of Jesus’ resurrection he appears to Mary Magdalene and she tells the other disciples that he is risen. This is what happens later that same day.

**READ** – *Read (passage) aloud. Read it several times. Listen for what the Spirit of God is saying, don’t just think about it.* 19 Later that day the disciples gathered together, but because of their fear of the Jewish authorities they had locked all the doors. Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, “Peace be with you.” 20 Then he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw him with their own eyes. 21 Jesus said again, “Peace be with you. Just as the Father sent me, I send you.” 22 Then he took a deep breath and breathed on them saying, “Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive someone’s sins, they are forgiven. If you don’t forgive someone’s sins what are you going to do with them?”

**ENGAGE** – *Questions for going deeper. God is speaking… to you.*

1. Why do you think the disciples are hiding after hearing from Mary Magdalene that Jesus is risen?

2. Why do you think Jesus tells them twice, “Peace be with you?”

3. In verse 19 it literally says that Jesus stood in the middle or center of them. In verse 26 when Jesus shows up again it says the exact same thing. What might John be suggesting about having Jesus at the center of our lives? Is he at the center of your life or is he on the edge of your life?

4. Why do you think Jesus breathes on them? Read Genesis 2:7. What does this say about the power of the Holy Spirit?

5. Who is the source of the Holy Spirit?

6. What does verse 23 say about the significance of forgiveness?

7. Where in your life do you need the Holy Spirit to breathe new life?

**PRAY** – *God has spoken. So, reply.*

\*Thank the Lord Jesus for the forgiveness and new life that he has given you.

\*Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you again with new life for the day ahead of you.

\*Thank the Lord for refilling you with the Holy Spirit.

**LIVE** – *This is where the rubber hits the road.*

When you put your trust in the Lord Jesus He breathes the Holy Spirit and new life into you. How will your life exhibit today the new life given to you by Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit?