

Valley Bible Church - Sermon Study Questions

**Study Aid for the Sermon from May 1, 2011
“Why Should Christians Expect to Make a
Difference in the World?”
John 20:19-23**

Observing the text

Read John 20:19-23 carefully making as many observations as possible.

At what point were the disciples convinced that Jesus had risen?

What did Jesus initially say to them after they had become convinced?

What did Jesus mean when He said to His disciples, “Receive the Holy Spirit?”

What did Jesus mean when He told His disciples that if they forgave the sins of any, their sins would be forgiven?

What did Jesus mean when He told His disciples that if they retained the sins of any, their sins would be retained?

Applying the sermon

Do you believe that Christ has sent you into this world on a specific mission? What do you believe that mission to be?

What has Christ supplied to help you fulfill this mission?

Describe the impact you are presently having as a disciple of Christ in carrying out this mission.

How can you improve on using the resources that Christ has supplied in carrying out your mission?