

Taking a fresh look at church – recruiting sergeant or agent of transformation?

Questions following the sermon on John 20:19-22 & 17:6-19

Jesus told his disciples "As the Father sent me, I am sending you." How would you unpack what Jesus meant by 'As the Father sent me...'?

How did the Father send Jesus?

From where and to where was he sent?

How might that have felt for Jesus?

To do what?

(Try to think of specific examples of what Jesus did)

With what purpose?

With what authority?

With what resources?

With what results?

What are the implications for us, if we are sent in the same way by Jesus?

In what ways do you struggle with living each day as if you are sent by Jesus, with the same purpose, authority and resources?

Why do you think that is?

What would you like to see change?

What new step could you take towards that change?

How else might Jesus want to encourage us in our identity, authority and capability as those sent by him?

What difference does it make that Jesus was addressing the disciples as a group not as individuals?

How could we help each other over the next few weeks in those areas where we struggle to live this out?