

STUDY GUIDE:
TO LIVE AND BELIEVE—
“Appear and Prepare” (John 20:19-29; 21:1-24)

1. In preparation for this study, read John chapters 20 and 21 (read either in two translations or a different translation than you read last week).
2. To complete the next section of the study guide, you will need to use a Bible Dictionary. Remember, the words listed below are from the NIV, but the word you are trying to define is the Greek word translated by the NIV. If you have any questions about how to use these tools, contact your group leader or one of the pastoral staff.

Define the following word and why that meaning is significant.

--“Sent” (20:21)—

--“Sending” (20:21)—

--“love” (21:15a)— (Jesus)

--“love” (21:15b)— (Peter)

3. What is the difference between Jesus being “sent” and Jesus “sending” the disciples?
4. How would have you responded if Jesus just appeared?
5. Was Thomas’ response (20:24-24) a positive or a negative response? Why?
6. How did Thomas response when he saw Jesus (20:27) change?
7. What was Jesus response to Thomas?
8. Why did Jesus have the disciples cast their nets on the other side if He already had fish?

