LifeGroup: Liminal: Living in the In-Between.

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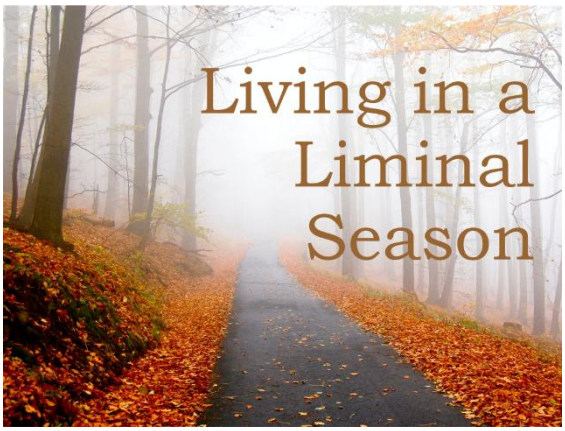

For the next few weeks, as we approach the Feast of Pentecost, we will explore the **post-resurrection stories** and reflect on the **"in-between" season** the disciples experienced — between what *was* and what *was yet to come*.

We all face times of transition in life: times when one chapter is ending but the next hasn't fully unfolded yet. These seasons can be both challenging and rich with opportunity.

To start the conversation

- Share a time of transition that you particularly *enjoyed*.
- Share a time of transition you found *difficult*.
- What helps you during times of transition?
- What makes transitions particularly hard?

Read

- **John 20:19–23** (Jesus appears to His disciples after the resurrection)
- **Joshua 1:1–9** (Joshua becomes the new leader after Moses' death)

In John 20, The disciples are hiding behind locked doors. They are afraid and confused after Jesus' crucifixion. There are rumours of Jesus being alive, but they don't yet fully understand what's happening.

In Joshua 1, Moses, Israel's great leader, has died. Joshua now faces the huge task of leading the Israelites into the Promised Land.

Both stories happen in moments of deep transition — when something important has ended, and the future is uncertain.

Ensure people have access to both passages for comparison.

In each passage, look for:

- **Words of reassurance** — What encouragement is given?
- **The task ahead** — What is each group/person called to do?
- **The promise of help** — How is God's presence promised?

After sharing, discuss using these points to guide you:

- **God's Empowerment:**
  - In Joshua, God promises to be with Joshua as he leads the people into new territory.
  - In John, Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on His disciples, empowering them for the mission ahead.

***Question**: How is God equipping you/us to live out His purposes?*

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- **Courage in Transition:**
  - Joshua is commanded to be strong and courageous, even though he faces unknown challenges.
  - Jesus sends the disciples into the world with peace, purpose, and authority.

  ***Question**: Is there something you need strength or courage for?*

- **Commissioned for a Mission:**
  - Joshua leads Israel into their promised future.
  - The disciples are commissioned to carry the message and presence of Jesus into the world.

  ***Question**: We are all invited to be carriers of God's Kingdom—bringing his love, message, and intentions wherever we go. What does it look like for you right now?*

Final thoughts:

Like the disciples we live in a similar in-between reality:
The resurrection has happened – Christ is alive!
But the full restoration of all things is still coming.

And in this in-between, we are not just invited to believe, we are **sent**.

Prayer

Risen Christ,
You have shattered the power of death and breathed your Spirit into us.
We live in the in-between —between resurrection and restoration—
And you send us to bear fruit.
So send us, Lord:

- Into our neighborhoods, bearing your love.
- Into our workplaces, carrying your light.
- Into our families, living your peace.
- Into the dark places, shining your hope.
- Into brokenness, bringing your healing.

Send us in the power of your Spirit for the glory and reputation of you Name.