

**MINISTRIES OF FENCING AND FORGIVENESS**  
**JOHN 20:19-23 (ESV)**

I. Jesus has not granted authority to the Church or its officers to forgive sins. Instead, He has called all Christians to be \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

A. Here Jesus symbolically shows that their mission \_\_\_\_\_ on the Holy Spirit— though the full power of \_\_\_\_\_ comes later.

B. The disciples' mission (and ours) is...

1. Not authoritatively dispensing grace,
2. But authoritatively \_\_\_\_\_ forgiveness
3. To those professing faith in God's \_\_\_\_\_.

II. We can confidently \_\_\_\_\_ someone else what God has already \_\_\_\_\_ them.

A. The promise of \_\_\_\_\_ on all \_\_\_\_\_, due to sin (John 3:17-18).

B. The promise of forgiveness to any person who \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (1 John 1:9; Luke 24:45-52).

III. As we spread the Gospel, Jesus entrusts us with the weighty work of

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

A. The Church formally does this work in \_\_\_\_\_ and in church \_\_\_\_\_.

B. All Christians do this work in \_\_\_\_\_ relationships with other Christians as we \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ sin.

C. We also do this work when we \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ with unbelieving friends and family.

1. Individual Christians do this in five ways:

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_-Sharer
- Server
- \_\_\_\_\_
- Evangelist