

Thomas: From Doubt to Faith

I Witness: Encounters with the Risen Lord

Passage: John 20:24-29

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V. From Demand to Worship (v. 29)

SMALL GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

1. What is something you once doubted but later became convinced of?
2. Why do you think Thomas struggled to believe the others?
3. What does Jesus' response reveal about His character?
4. Why do you think Jesus kept His scars after resurrection?
5. What kinds of doubts do Christians commonly face?
6. How can the church be a safe place for honest questions?

PERSONAL REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. Where am I struggling to trust God right now?
2. Have I confused unanswered questions with absence of God?
3. What wounds in my life might God want to redeem?
4. Do I know facts about Jesus, or do I personally trust Him?
5. Can I sincerely say today: "My Lord and my God"?

FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP GUIDE

Read John 20:24-29

Questions

1. Why was Thomas unsure?
2. Was Jesus angry with Thomas?
3. What helped Thomas believe?
4. How can we trust Jesus today?

Family Activity

Take turns building something with blocks while blindfolded and guided only by another person's voice or tactile signs. Talk about how faith means trusting Jesus even when we cannot see Him.

Family Prayer: "Jesus, thank You for loving people who have questions. Help our family trust You more each day. Be our Lord and our God. Amen."

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