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Hope For The Doubter

John 20:24-29

WE DOUBT TO PROTECT OURSELVES

John 20:24-25

- Thomas did not want to **BELIEVE** because he didn't want to be **LET** down
- We see Jesus' intense love for Thomas, full of **UNDESERVED GRACE**

JESUS IS NOT AFRAID OF OUR DOUBT

John 20:24-25

- Honest **DOUBT** will find honest **ANSWERS**
- When we are willing to **LISTEN**, we provide hope for the **HOPELESS**

WE FAIL TO DOUBT WHEN WE TRUST THE SOURCE

John 20:28-29

- Our doubts can turn to hope when we go **DIRECTLY** to the source
- When Jesus is in the **MIDDLE** of our doubts, hope is here.

Life Group Questions

- 1) Today there seems to be no shortage of doubt in the world. With information coming from every corner of our world, it's hard to tell what to trust and what to doubt. Discuss how you handle doubt in our current culture.
- 2) Was Thomas a pessimistic person? Was he prone to take the hopeless view of the world? How do you respond to a doubter? What if you are the doubter? (John 14:5 | John 11:16)
- 3) Pastor Terry said 'honest doubt will find honest answers. Hebrews 3:12 gives a warning about unbelief. How do you determine 'honest doubt' from an 'evil heart of unbelief' today?

On Your Own

Jesus isn't afraid of our doubt. How should Christians and the church respond to those who have doubts based on Jesus reaction to Thomas?

The root of the problem of doubt, is a lack of trust, especially when our worlds are in chaos. We are too busy looking at the waves rather than the One who can calm the seas.

Take a moment each morning to read Proverbs 3:5-8 and KNOW where to put your faith. Hope flows from a heart that trusts God!

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil. It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones.
Proverbs 3:5-8

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PRAYER REQUESTS

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