

The welcome verse for this week is Isaiah 26:3, “You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.”



Good News for the Doubtful

Mark 9:24; John 20:24-29

The Bottom Line: The risen Jesus requires faithfulness, not certainty.

Introduction:

Today, we are discussing one of the most taboo topics in the church – doubt.

The question is not if we doubt, but how we doubt.

All Jesus-followers have struggled with questions in their faith. For most of us, it is a regular occurrence.

Tension:

There are Christians who walk in for church service every week to sing songs and read scriptures of which they are not fully convinced.

Doubting feels sinful. How could I ever question the God of the universe?

Truth:

God’s people have always been a questioning people.

Perhaps “doubting you” and “doubting me” can learn from Doubting Thomas.

Read John 20:24-29.

Application & Conclusion:

The risen Jesus requires faithfulness, not certainty. He heals doubting believers. He sends doubting believers. Jesus invites and calls you, along with all your questions, to come and follow. We live out a long obedience in the same direction. Though it does not always make sense, and we are not always fully convinced, we continue to throw ourselves toward his wisdom and promises. The farther we go, the more we will know.

“Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, ‘I believe; help my unbelief!’”

~ Mark 9:24

Discussion questions for group this week:

- 1. What does this teach me about God?**
- 2. What does this teach me about me?**
- 3. How do I apply this to my life?**
- 4. If I could ask a question about this it would be....**

