

# Doubting God

## Dealing With Insecurity

### TALK IT OVER

#### Key Scriptures

<sup>8</sup>God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. <sup>9</sup>Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. <sup>10</sup>For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

Ephesians 2:8-10 NLT

<sup>6</sup>When they arrived, Samuel took one look at Eliab and thought, "Surely this is the Lord's anointed!" <sup>7</sup>But the Lord said to Samuel, "Don't judge by his appearance or height, for I have rejected him. The Lord doesn't see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

1 Samuel 16:6-7 NLT

"But Lord," Gideon replied, "how can I rescue Israel? My clan is the weakest in the whole tribe of Manasseh, and I am the least in my entire family!"

Judges 6:15 NLT

<sup>60</sup>But Peter said, "Man, I don't know what you are talking about." And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. <sup>61</sup>At that moment the Lord turned and looked at Peter. Suddenly, the Lord's words flashed through Peter's mind: "Before the rooster crows tomorrow morning, you will deny three times that you even know me." <sup>62</sup>And Peter left the courtyard, weeping bitterly.

Luke 22:60-62 NLT

<sup>38</sup>Peter replied, "Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>This promise is to you, to your children, and to those far away—all who have been called by the Lord our God."

<sup>41</sup>Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all.

Acts 2:38-39, 41 NLT

#### Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- What's something that you feel confident doing?
- What's something that you are terrified of doing?

#### Start thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Which part of this message was most impactful for you and why?
- Read **Ephesians 2:10**. What would look different in your life if you lived like this verse was true of you?
- In the message Pastor Lane said, "If God didn't want to use you, the devil wouldn't be fighting so hard against you." How has the enemy attacked you and your self-worth in an attempt to stop you from using your gifts to serve God and His church?

#### Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- How often do you doubt yourself and your abilities? What truths about God do you need to remember when you're having doubts about yourself?
- Talk about an insecurity or failure that you've struggled with. In what ways could God use that experience for His glory?
- At the very end of the message Pastor Lane said that doubting ourselves is really doubting God. How do you respond to that thought? How could that thought set you free from doubt?

#### Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

*Father, thank You for using the overlooked, the insecure, and our failures for Your glory. Please help us remember that we are created by You, in Your image. When the world tells us that we can't, we ask that You would remind us that You specialize in using people like us to accomplish the impossible. In Jesus' name, amen.*

#### Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Ask God how you can use your gifts and talents to serve God and his church. Reach out to one of our Pastor's and have a conversation about how you can serve on the weekends or with one of our local missions organizations.
- In prayer, confess to God the things other people have said about you, the things you have believed about you and ask Him to reveal how He thinks about you. Write those things down so you can look at them the next time you are struggling with insecurity.