

Bring Jesus Your Doubts Luke 7:18-35

- We all experience _____.
- Bring your _____.
- Jesus doesn't always _____,
but He always gives us _____.
- Jesus doesn't _____ when we bring
our doubts to Him, but He does _____.

QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER REFLECTION:

1. Do you have doubts? Are you comfortable sharing them with others?
2. If you have shared your doubts with others, what has been the reaction? Understanding, shame, rebuke, etc.
3. What is the difference between doubt and unbelief?
4. Read the story of other doubters and discuss.
EX. Moses – Numbers 11:10-15; Jeremiah- Jer.20;
Elijah- 1 Kings 19; Paul- 1 Corinthians 2:8-9
5. Read and discuss the following quotes:
 - “Doubt isn't the opposite of faith; it is an element of faith.” **Paul Tillich**
 - “If you don't have doubts you're either kidding yourself or asleep. Doubts are the ants-in-the-pants of faith. They keep it alive and moving.” **Frederick Buchner**
 - “If faith never encounters doubt, if truth never struggles with error, if good never battles evil, how can faith know its own power? In my own pilgrimage, if I had to choose between a faith that has stared doubt in the eye and made it blink, or a naive faith that has never known the firing line of doubt, I will choose the former every time.” **Gary Parker**
 - "A faith without some doubts is like a human body without antibodies in it. People who blithely go through life too busy or indifferent to ask hard questions about why they believe as they do will find themselves defenseless against either the experience of tragedy or the probing questions of a smart skeptic." **Tim Keller**
 - “There lives more faith in honest doubt, believe me, than in half the creeds.” **Alfred Tennyson**
 - “I know now, Lord, why you utter no answer. You are yourself the answer. Before your face questions die away. What other answer would suffice?” **C.S. Lewis**