

Sunday, Sep 6

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Jesus came, the doors having been shut, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." 27Then He said to Thomas, "Reach here with your finger, and see My hands; and reach here your hand and put it into My side; and do not be unbelieving, but believing." 28Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" 29Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen Me, have you believed? Blessed are they who did not see, and yet believed."

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GROUP DISCUSSION

Does the Bible Actually Say?

GateWay Church of Visalia, Pastor Lance Ainsworth

John 20:19-29, September 3rd & 6th, 2026

Doubting is a sin.

Prayer Requests:

Group Discussion: What is something you believed as a kid that you later discovered wasn't true?

Read Aloud: John 10:19-29

1. Thomas said, "Unless I see... I will not believe." Why do you think Thomas struggled to believe the other disciples? What does his response reveal about what doubt can do to us? What does Jesus' response to Thomas teach us about how God responds when we struggle with faith?
2. Why is Christian community especially important when we are experiencing doubt? How can we make room for doubts in our community without condemnation? When has doubt in your own life led to deeper faith? When can doubt lead to sin?
3. When you have doubts about God, where do you naturally go first: to isolation, other people, your own thoughts, the internet, Scripture, or prayer? Why?
4. How can prayer help us when our circumstances or questions create doubt? What would it look like to pray that prayer honestly in your own life?