

Belief in an Age of Be-Leaving

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Remember: you do not have to do the entire study (you may not have time) – you can choose what questions you want to discuss.

Read Matthew 28:16-20

1. Why do you think some doubted? What reasons might they have had to cause them to do this?
2. What was Jesus' reaction to their doubt?
3. What is the role of doubt in our faith? What makes you doubt?

Read John 20

4. Why have we given him the nickname 'Doubting Thomas'? Do you think this is fair?
5. What was it that Thomas did/did not believe? Why is this significant?
6. "Be-leaving – we will always be-leaving in order to believe." What does Be-leaving mean to you?
7. Jesus said "Do not cling to me." Why did he say this?
8. What images of Jesus do you cling to? Why?
9. How can we let go of our images? How has your image of Jesus changed as you have come to know him more?
10. What role does deconstruction/reconstruction play in the strengthening of faith?
11. What are the perils of deconstruction? How do we avoid them and still end up with a deeper, stronger faith?
12. How have your doubts helped deepen your relationship with God?

Prayer points:

- Pray for the plight of refugees, the homeless, and the displaced around the world.
- Pray for the ill and vulnerable in our communities.
- Pray for those affected by violence and conflict around the globe.