

Begin by reading **Psalm 14:1**. Jamie said the Bible is very clear between a person who is an unbeliever and a person who has occasional doubts during tough times. When do you tend to find yourself having doubt? What do you do about it? Discuss.

John Drummond said, *"Christ never failed to distinguish between doubt and unbelief. Doubt is can't believe; unbelief is won't believe. Doubt is honesty; unbelief is obstinacy. Doubt is looking for light; unbelief is content with darkness."* Have you noticed the difference between someone who refuses to believe in Christ verses someone who does, but sometimes doubts? Describe the difference in their lives.

Read **James 1:6-7** and **Jude 22**. How can you show grace to a person who doubts? Why do you think Jesus tells us this? Discuss.

Read **Judges 6:11-24**. Do you relate with Gideon? Why or why not? Do you think God still uses people like Gideon today? Explain. Read **Judges 6:39-40**. You see how patient God is with Gideon. How does this make you feel? Name a time when you knew God was patient with you and how it made you feel.

God promises evidence for sincere seekers. Read **2 Peter 3:9**. *"Sincere doubt, driven by a desire for truth, can produce strong faith."* Read **2 Peter 1:16**. How have you seen God move in your own life? What evidence did He show you? Did this help with your doubt? Explain.

Read **Matthew 7:7**. God promises salvation to obedient believers. Jamie said, *"I know I'm saved by grace, but sometimes when I sin, it's hard to understand how God could forgive me again. When we have those doubts, we don't need to be saved all over again. We just need reassurance our lack of faith doesn't separate us from God."* Read **Ephesians 2:8-9**. How can we find God's reassurance when we need it? What do you do to remind yourself of God's promises?

God promises victory to the faithful. Read **Judges 7:9**. *"Gideon's story is inspiring because we learn victory does not depend on our level of faith."* What do you like most about Gideon's story? What did you learn from it? How do you see it relate in your own life? Do you believe God will give you victory in your life? Discuss.

Somebody said, *"Faith is going to the edge of all the light you have, then taking one more step."* Close by reading **1 John 5:4**. Then pray for God to help you be obedient no matter the doubt.