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Let's Talk

Last week we were reminded that 'Jesus has not stopped walking with you even if you don't think/feel He is around anymore, and many of us might need a deeper sense of or a fresh dose of humility to keep going or to find our way again.' How did you grapple with that this week? Were you willing to 'become foolish to be wise'?

Let's Study

- 1. Read John 20:25.** How does Thomas respond to the disciples' announcement, 'We have seen the Lord!'?
 - Can you relate to his doubt and skepticism?
- 2. Read John 20:26a.** Why do you think Jesus came back to the disciples 8 days later? (*Hint: think back to the sermon.*)
 - Why do you think it was so important that Jesus came back for that one disciple? Does it bring you any comfort?
- 3. Read John 20:26b.** What is the first thing Jesus says to his friends? Why do you think this is significant? (*Hint: think historical/cultural, but most importantly spiritual.*)
- 4. Read Luke 22:54-60, John 21:15-17, and John 20:27.** Notice that Jesus repeats almost word for word what Thomas had exclaimed about Him just before He appeared.
 - Do you notice any parallels between the conversations Jesus has with Peter and Thomas? Consider and discuss with your group.
 - Does Jesus have a certain way of speaking with you? A way that is unique to you, and shows you how much He loves you?



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5. Read John 20:28-29. How does Jesus receive Thomas and his doubt? (*Hint: Pastor Jon talked about this in his sermon too.*)

- Meditate on Jesus' words when he blesses those who believe without seeing him. As a Christian today, allow yourself to feel the love of Jesus pouring over you, for you have believed without seeing.

Let's Apply

As a church, we are learning that 'there is a call to continue to believe, to trust, to keep believing in Him, on Him and with Him.'

Sometimes we just need to say out loud, *I still trust You, Jesus.*

Remember that apart from belief, evidence is meaningless. When someone doubts and they see evidence, it results in confusion. When someone believes and they see evidence, they become encouraged and even stronger in their faith.

Reflect this week on the Easter passages in Scripture. Do you really believe? Are you willing to have faith without evidence?

Review in community. In the presence of others in your group, you can and must work out doubt, skepticism, unbelief, deconstruction, and faith. As you do this, wherever you're at in your Spiritual journey, you will become more empowered to be a fully-convinced believer in Jesus Christ.



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Let's Pray

Heavenly Father,
Humble us that we might recognize that we need to become foolish to be wise.
Lord Jesus, open up our minds to Yourself and Your truth again,
for we cannot do this on our own.
Teach us Your ways and open our eyes to see You, alive in the room with us!
May we never lose our wonder,
For you are beautiful in all Your ways.
Thank you God, for sending your Son and for strengthening us with the Holy Spirit.
We worship You alone, the mighty Lord of Heaven's Armies.
Amen.

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