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MAIN POINTS & KEY SCRIPTURES

When it comes to our children's doubts, we are to be first in.

- Proverbs 22:6

Be all set for doubts, not upset.

- Proverbs 9:7–8
- Matthew 14:28–32

Be set for doubts by being first in.

- Matthew 16:13

Be first in and then stick with them.

- Matthew 14:30–32

Stay close to handle hurts.

- Proverbs 18:13

What if I'm not first in?

- Matthew 9:14–1

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Have you ever had any doubts or serious questions about Christianity? What were they and how did you resolve them (or find answers)?
2. **Read Psalm 139:1-6.** What does this passage reveal about God's character? How does possessing an understanding of God's character help us trust Him even when we don't have all the answers?
3. How does knowing that some things are beyond our grasp actually help with our doubts?
4. **Read Mark 9:14-27.** What kind of response (heart, attitude, actions) do you think turns doubters toward Jesus? How does it help clarify things for you to think of doubt as something that begins as neutral, neither good nor bad, then having a specific trajectory?
5. Share a time when overcoming doubt helped build your faith.
6. How do you usually respond when someone asks you a question about Christianity and you don't have a good response?
7. When someone you care about expresses doubt about God or Christianity, it can be easy to panic, but what are some helpful ideas or principles to engage with them? Who's someone you know with doubts that you can pray for today?

GOING FURTHER

MEMORIZE: *All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.* **2 Timothy 3:16-17**

READ: *Without a Doubt: Answering the 20 Toughest Faith Questions* by Kenneth Samples