

Ever Wonder Why?

Week one - "Faith of a Doubter"

John 1:35-51 and Mark 9:14-24

Bottom line: Doubt and uncertainty are not only not the opposite of faith - they are actually key ingredients.

1. Jenn said that both doubt and belief are on the rise in the world today. How can both be true? Are there ways you experience one or both of those happening with people around you?
2. How is an agnostic or atheist view actually a set of alternative beliefs rather than a lack of belief?
3. What are some reasons we might have for avoiding doubt instead of acknowledging it?
4. Read Mark 9:14-24
 - a. Why were the people arguing when Jesus showed up?
 - b. How did Jesus respond to the father's plea for help?
 - c. How was the father's doubt a part of his faith and not a detriment to his faith?
5. Jenn said it's good to ask questions and that Jesus invites our wonder, so let's get started! What are some of your questions? What are some things you have trouble believing when it comes to faith in God? Write down your questions and have someone in your group send them to jenn@ashleyridgechurch.org.