

Take Away – Embrace the And: See & Believe

Text: John 20: 24 – 29

Date: 10-9-22



With your group...

Answer each of the following questions prompted by the text and/or today's sermon.

1. What are some of the benefits we know of for Jesus, as God, becoming a human being? What does this have to do with "seeing and believing"?
2. Some people hear the message of Jesus once and believe it. Others are more methodical and research the claims of the Bible before they can believe. Why do some people require more evidence compared to others?
3. Jesus accepted Thomas' faith after the fact. But Jesus says people who are able to believe without physically seeing all the proof are "blessed." In what ways could these types of people be blessed (in a way different than Thomas was blessed)?
4. Think about a time when you "walked by faith" rather than sight or feelings. In retrospect, what are some of the benefits?
5. Think about a time when you walked by "sight" or "feelings" rather than faith. What was the outcome? What did the Lord teach you? How will this lesson help you when you have to make future steps of faith?
6. How does the Holy Spirit speak to you when you are facing a challenging decision that requires a step of faith? Are you willing to trust His leading in these moments, even when your feelings are conflicted?
7. We know that communion is one way that God has chosen to make Himself real to us and give us Himself. What verses in Scripture can be cited that teach that BOTH bread and wine AND Christ's true body and blood are present in the Lord's Supper?
8. Have you or someone you know ever been discouraged, and your faith started to waiver, but God did something that strengthened and encouraged you/he/she so that you/he/she were able to get through that difficult season? Explain the situation.