

Main Street Church - Life Group Questions

Message: Room for Doubt – Part 1

Date: June 14, 2015



Connect

: Our final Life Group meeting will be on June _____. (BBQ? Social?...)

: What are **2** areas of your life, beside your Christian faith, that you practice/apply faith in something/someone, even though you don't know everything about it/them?

Open with Prayer

“**JESUS** – Thank you for the gift of Faith. Help us be honest about our doubts & fears, and grow in our faith & hope in You together. Amen.

Check In (Don't skip over this)

:: **How has your faith in Jesus grown over the past months?** (September-June)

:: **What is one thing that has helped your faith grow in that time?**

Sunday Message Feedback :: Step In, Not Over

What jumped out at you from Sunday's message?

Which particular point or passage of Scripture most challenged, confused or caught your attention?

What did Jesus say to you to you this past week through the message?

1. We all have doubts at times...

: **When in your life have you struggled with doubts about Christianity? Which areas?**

:: **What was the cause of these doubts?**

2. Doubts can be dangerous, if we handle them in the wrong way. Giving into our doubts often leads to bad decisions. Talk about a decision that you made when you doubted God and went your own way. **What were the results?**

3. READ John 20:24-29

Do you ever feel the same way as Thomas did when it comes to Jesus?

(that you have to see to believe).

One of the positive aspects of Thomas is that he voiced his doubts.

It isn't honoring to God when you blindly accept things because you think that's what Christians are supposed to do. Do you presently have any doubts that you haven't voiced?

4. How do you respond to Jesus words to Thomas in John 20:29? What is Jesus saying to him (and us)?

5. Doubts can be healthy, if we handle them in the right way. Have you ever wrestled through your doubts and as a result you gained greater insight into God or greater intimacy in your relationship with Him?

6. READ **John 6:25-29**

At the height of Jesus' ministry, in **John 6:25-59**, Jesus spoke some words that caused many of His followers to leave (**v. 66**). Read **John 6:60-69**. Peter dealt with his doubt by considering the options. He realized that to walk away from Jesus was to walk towards something else. So, if not Jesus, who? :: What are the other options that people step towards?

7. Looking back on your life, how do you think it would be different if you had abandoned your faith?
8. Spend time considering the options.
If you were to abandon Christianity, what would be the other options?
Describe what your life would look like if you chose one of these paths.

APPLICATION & PRAYER: (Break into **groups** of 3-4, or Men & Women)

- o **Read Mark 9:23-24** – often the best prayers are simple, honest ones...make the father's statement/prayer in v.24 your prayer.

“Jesus, I do believe, but help me overcome my unbelief...in/that _____!”

- o **INVITE** the Holy Spirit to increase your Faith, and your will/commitment to learn & grow in wisdom, knowledge, understanding & experience of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

June 21

:: **Father's Day Sunday** – **9am & 10:45am** at **Main Street Church**.

*Invite the DAD's in your life for great Sunday morning.

June 28

:: **You Asked For It** – Summer Series Begins

:: **Prayer Summit** – **6pm** at **Main Street Church**.

*Includes our Kids Prayer Summit activities. ***This is the last Summit until September.**

July & August

:: **Summer CONNECT Group**

Wednesday Nights : 7pm-8:30pm at Main Street Church. **July 8-August 26**

If you are looking for a place to Connect, Discuss our 'You Asked For It' Series, & Pray with others this summer we are hosting this weekly CONNECT Group. Feel free to come weekly or drop-in when you can. **Please contact me if you are interested.**