

Main Street Church - Life Group Questions

Message: **Room for Doubt – Part 2**

Date: **June 21, 2015**



Connect : 'Just Like John the Baptist'

If you had to survive in the wild like John the Baptist and eat bugs & honey...which insect would be your first choice for dipping? John wore a camel hair jumpsuit, which (1) wild-animal (not cow) would you prefer to have a wardrobe made out of? While in prison, John made his last 'phone-call' to Jesus...who would you make your last 'phone-call' to?

Open with Prayer

"JESUS – Thank you for being the Answer to our greatest questions. 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)

:: **What is one question/wonder you have stirring in your heart & mind for Jesus these days?** (that you have kept to yourself, or have actually communicated to God in prayer)

:: **If not...what keeps you from asking/sharing?** (doubt, apathy, fear, pride...)

Sunday Message Feedback :: Room for Doubt – Part 2

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. Few would doubt that John the Baptist was committed to God. He came from a family of priests (**Luke 1:5-25**). He lived out in the dessert, eating locusts and wild honey, while preaching to all who would come to listen. He unflinchingly called people to repent of their sins (**Matt 3:7-10**), even challenging those in authority (**Mark 6:17-20**). He was the one the prophets foretold who would prepare the way for the Savior (**Matt 3:3; Isaiah 40:3**). He was the one chosen to baptize Jesus (**Matt 3:13-17**). And yet, even John had his doubts.
 - a. Read **Matthew 11:1-3**. Sitting in a prison cell tends to change your perspective on things. John began to wonder about Jesus. After all, Jesus hadn't done anything to help him out of his imprisonment. Discuss how circumstances (both good and bad) can have an effect on our faith. How have circumstances had an effect on your faith?
2. Often there is something very selfish and self-centered about our doubt. We tend to doubt when God when we feel He is being inconvenient and inattentive to our lifestyle and our happiness. Have you ever seen this in your life, or in the lives of others? Discuss.

3. **Read Matthew 11:4-5.** Jesus' recommendation was that John look outside of his circumstances and reflect on all that Jesus had done and all that he was doing.
: Reflecting on your life, what has God done in the past that has displayed His faithfulness?
4. What is God doing in the world around you that displays His faithfulness?
5. **Read Matthew 11:6.**
There could be times when God's actions cause us to have doubt (because we can't see His master plan). When this occurs, what is your plan for dealing with doubt?
6. Take some time and reflect on your current situation and your current doubts about God. "Ask yourself this question, "In light of my present situation have I disengaged how God feels about me?"

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

Take 5-10mins on your own to consider and respond to the following:

: PAST

Look outside your present circumstances and write down what God has done for you in the past.

: PRESENT

Write down what He is currently doing in the world around you.

: FUTURE

Write down what God is going to do in your life in the future.

:: How do your present doubts stack up to this list? Share with your group.

:: Give thanks & praise to God, and prayer for one another.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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.**