



Discipleship Guide  
A Gift Greater Than Our Doubt  
John 20

This guide was created to help you engage with the message and create deeper engagement with our worship services. Each week this guide will encourage you to reflect on two primary questions using the framework of Up (with God), In (with church) and Out (with neighbors). As we use this guide to reflect on the scriptures and your relationship with God, each other and your neighbors, consider pausing for a moment in quiet before jumping into the questions.

**Weekly Questions:**

- How is God getting my attention? For help, think about these areas:
  - How are you living up with God?
  - How are you living in community with other followers of Jesus?
  - How are you living out on mission with your neighbors?
- What are you going to do about it?

**John 20:19-31**

Twice Jesus will show up where the disciples are hiding, offering them peace, and showing them the wounds in hands and side.

- Have you ever felt lost and Jesus couldn't find you? Have you ever felt afraid and like Jesus couldn't help you?

Jesus knows he is about to go away again and he gives them the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit brings good news and a warning about how our sin can make our relationships difficult.

- We see that with Thomas even his doubts can't keep Jesus away. The opposite of faith isn't doubt but certainty. Is there a place in your life where you have believed your doubts were greater than Jesus' ability to show up with you?
- What keeps you from sharing, announcing, living out the good news of Jesus' love and forgiveness with others?

Thomas and the ending of Chapter 20 remind us that God includes even the doubter of doubters like Thomas and God's story is bigger than even what John shares.

- Where is your life rooted? Where do you look for purpose and meaning?
- Where do you go with your doubts? Where do you go when you feel broken?

For our kids (and adults too!):

How can you receive Jesus' peace for you this week?

After reflection, what are you going to do about what you learned this week?