

# Life Group Discussion Guide "How Does Jesus Deal with People Who Doubt?" – John 20:24-31

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## Main thought:

Jesus is not threatened by our doubts. The testimony of His works and His words are given to us so that we may move from unbelief to belief. When we believe we can have life in His name!

# <u>Ice-Breaker</u>

- What song reminds you of summer?
- How have you seen God working in your life recently?

#### Digging In

Read John 20:24-31 and discuss the following questions.

- What stood out to you from the passage?
- Why is isolation a temptation when we're struggling with grief and pain?
- Thomas refused to believe the disciples' testimony about seeing the resurrected Jesus, yet he is still with them when Jesus appears to them the following week. This means the disciples didn't push Thomas away from them even when he rejected their testimony and doubted the resurrection. What does this teach us about how we ought to respond to people who are in a similar place as Thomas?
- Is it ok to have doubts?
- What do you do with doubts? What resources have helped you?
- What is the difference between doubt and unbelief? Why is the distinction between the two important?
- Why is Thomas' declaration that Jesus is both "Lord and God" important?
- What's the risk of saying you believe in God but not allowing Him to be Lord in your life?

## <u>Application</u>

• What is a key takeaway or personal application from this passage?

<u>Pray as a group</u> (Break into separate groups/rooms for men and women to pray together)

How can we be praying for each other this week?