

DOUBT, DECONSTRUCTION, AND JESUS

Week 1: Deconstruction

Week 2: Doubt

APPETIZER: Spiritual Parkour

- Is faith in God creatively leaping from question to question hoping you don't end up in a dumpster?

The evolving path of faith in Jesus...

Faith is not a blind leap into the pond, rather, a long walk around the lake.

FAITH/BELIEVE:
PISTEUO -- ΠΙΣΤΕΥΩ

Trusting in, conviction of, resulting in action/loyalty.

The ancient story of Moses and Israel is one of doubt.

We are in good company.

DINE IN: Darn you, Doubt.

Can God be trusted?

Does life mean something?

John 20:19-29

The disciples are facing:

- Death of their Messiah and movement
- Loss of identity, hope, way of life
- Returning to the ordinary (farming, fishing, carpentry)

TAKE OUT: Faithing Our Doubts... Together

The Thomas Question

When the disciples are in a time of suffering and confusion, they gather together.

- Suffering
- Loneliness
- Together

Julian, Jesus, and the Galileans

When the Church becomes an unstoppable force for good?...

Matthew 7:7-8, Acts 1:11, Hebrews 10:25

Home Church Questions

HANGOUT [Warming Up to the Topic – in one Large Group]

1. What stood out to you from this Sunday's message?
2. What causes you to doubt?

HEAR [Listening to God through Scripture – in Discussion Groups]

3. a. Read **John 20:19-31**.
b. What verse or idea stands out to you?
c. In **verse 19**, the disciples are afraid of the Jewish leaders and are gathered together. Talk about the value of community when you are afraid. What fears do you face today? How can your home church community come around you?
d. What are the first words that Jesus says to his disciples? Take a few minutes in silence or with quiet meditative music to picture Jesus saying this to you in the midst of your doubts. Talk about your experience.
e. In **verse 27**, Jesus shows tangible proof to address Thomas's doubts. What would "tangible proof" look like for your doubts? What do you need Jesus to show you? Commit to praying about your doubts every day this week and asking for Jesus to answer you.

HUDDLE [Making It Personal and Praying Together – in Huddles]

Use your huddle questions as a menu and use the prayer guide below to pray through our vision:

Evolving from one church many locations to one family many expressions.

Pray with your Home Church or friends at your Site on ways to better impact the people in your local city, community, neighborhood.

Note: complete Prayer Guide can be found here
themeetinghouse.com/prayerguide