

JOHN'S GOSPEL: THE MISSION OF GOD

Q - Were you able to focus on the termly practice of worship? (Every term we're encouraging Life Groups to encourage each other with a spiritual practice). Have you been able to spend time worshipping and praising God this term? How did it go?

Q - What are the benefits of spending time praising God in your times with God?

Q - What are the main things that have encouraged and challenged you so far in John's Gospel?

FAITH

John 20:24-31

Q - Do you remember anything from Sunday's talk that struck you?

The context of this passage is that Jesus has risen from the dead, he has risen indeed Hallelujah! He appears to his disciples but Thomas wasn't there, he's now being seen by Thomas who famously doubted him.

Please read John 20:24-31

Q - Why do you think Thomas struggled to believe the disciples' testimony?

Q - Do you ever experienced doubt in your faith? What typically triggers doubt in your life?

Q - Explore Jesus' response to Thomas' doubt. Why do you think Jesus invited Thomas to touch His wounds?

Q - How do you think Thomas felt when Jesus addressed his doubts directly?

Q - Discuss the significance of Jesus' statement, "Stop doubting and believe." What does this reveal about the relationship between doubt and faith?

Q - v.28 How did Thomas react? Why is him saying 'Lord' and 'God' so significant?

Q - Do you feel you need God to do something for you to have faith in him? What that have to be?

Q - How can we cultivate and strengthen our faith even when we cannot see or touch Jesus physically?

Q – Many times we don't doubt the existence of God or Jesus death and resurrection. But we doubt that he will do what he says he will do. Do you find it difficult to trust in God?

Jesus then says this beautiful statement in verse 29 ""Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Q – Do you think we are blessed because we believe even though we haven't seen what Thomas and the disciples did see?

After that, John has his take on Jesus' life and his gospel and he says in verse 30-31: Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Action

Q - How can we respond to doubt in our own lives? What practical steps can we take to address and overcome doubt?

Q - Share a time when your faith was strengthened through a personal encounter with Jesus or through the testimony of others.

As a church, we love trusting in God because in his faithfulness he always shows up. We've seen God bring people to know him, respond to our prayers about our finances, move in our services and heal people. We want to continue building our faith and trust in Him.

Prayer:

Please continue praying that God will continue moving in power, that we'll be extending his Kingdom and not ours and that He will do what he wants to with us!

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