



Doubt Not

Introduction

Whether you're a follower of Jesus or just checking out faith, we all know that life presents us with situations and scenarios that just don't quite add up. This can make us wonder about God, question aspects of his character or nature, and doubts can flood our minds about whether faith is worth it all, or even if the claims of Christ are true.

Jesus told us not to doubt. It's not about disciplining ourselves to ignore the niggles that plague us from time to time, but to give us a way through the fog of doubt, and give us a firm platform to stand on when doubt threatens to take us out.

Ice Breaker

Share about a situation when doubts arose about your faith, or a scenario that causes you to doubt what God has called you to.

Share (pick one or two to talk about)

- Read Peter's experience (Matthew 14:25-33) Peter shifted from faith to doubt very quickly. Why? Talk about the storms in your life that may have given rise to doubt in your heart.
- Peter's walking on water was a response to Jesus call... not from faith that he summoned up. What do you believe that God has called you to do, that requires a large step - or even a leap of faith - that doubt has caused you to put that call to one side.
- "What God originates, God will orchestrate, if you don't doubt". Share your thoughts or experiences about this quote from Sunday's message.
- Peter's statement "Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life..." (John 6:68-69)... stands as a way to cut through doubt. What impact do these words have on you?
- Doubt has the potential to not just take you out of walking with Jesus, but for you to miss out on what God wants to do in you and through you. How can your Connect group help you take the next step, to get past doubt, and trust God in His calling?
- To finish the series: Which one of the commands of Jesus spoke the most to you? Fear not, Sin not, Worry not, Judge not or Doubt not. Share about the difference that has made in you since we began the series.

Bottom Line

We don't choose doubt. Doubt chooses us... so it is inevitable that we will be plagued by doubts from time to time. The good news is that we don't have to be taken out by doubt. We can survive - indeed Thrive - because is part of life and part of the process of knowing God. Doubt can lead us to curiosity which can lead to deeper discovery. When doubt whispers "... is it true" or "is it worth it..." consider what Peter said - "*To whom shall we go?*" (John 6:68)

Reflect:

"Simon Peter answered, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words (the message) of eternal life. And we have learned to believe and trust, and [more] we have come to know [surely] that You are the Holy One of God, the Christ (the Anointed One), the Son of the living God." (John 6:68-69 Amplified)