

GROWTH GROUP

Study Guide

John 20:24-31 – Dealing with Doubt

My Story

1. How would you react if your friend told you he/she had seen an alien space ship?

Digging Deeper

2. What does Thomas' response in verse 25 tell you about him? Was Thomas' response different than that of Mary and the other disciples in the earlier verses of John 20? In what way(s)?
3. Despite the assurances from 10 of his closest friends, Thomas would not believe that Jesus had been raised from the dead until he saw the Lord for himself. Compare John 20:29 with 2 Cor. 5:7. What does it mean to walk by faith and not by sight?

4. John declares his purpose for writing in verses 30-31. Looking back at the 7 signs he presented, how do these accomplish John's goal? (Signs: John 2:1-11; 4:46-54; 5:1-15; 6:5-14; 6:16-24; 9:1-7; 11:1-45).

Reflection

5. What can we learn from Jesus' encounter with Thomas that can help us respond to people who have doubts?
6. What have you found helpful in dealing with doubts or questions about God in your own life?

SERMON NOTES

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Taking the Next Step

Take time this week to read and prayerfully dwell upon the following passages from Isaiah this week. Ask God to help you trust Him all the more. Isaiah 12:2; 26:4; 50:10.

Praises / Prayer Requests

