

October 13 Discussion Questions - Christ

John 20:24-31

Review

How do you move from Doubt-filled Defiance to Faith-Filled Devotion?

- You have a personal encounter with the Risen Christ

The Pathway of Faith:

1. Your Unique Timeline (v. 24,26)
2. Your Unique Temperament (v. 25)
3. Your Unique Testimony (v. 28)

"These are written *so that you may believe* that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name." (v. 30)

The Process of Faith:

- A. Turn from your Unbelief (v. 27)
- B. Profess the Truth of Jesus' Identity (v. 30)
- C. Trust Him as *your* Savior and Lord (v. 28)

"If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved." Romans 10:9-10

The Product of Faith:

- The blessing of peace with God now through Jesus (v. 26; Col. 1:19-22)
- The Promise of Life with Jesus forever (v. 31; John 17:3)

Connect

1. Do you find it easy to trust the engineers of roller coasters or other drivers on the highway? What else in our world do you have a hard time putting your faith in?
2. Share a specific time in your life, perhaps even now, when you had a lack of faith in God. Why was it hard to believe? How did it get resolved, or is it still an area of weak faith?

Read John 20:24-31

Discuss

3. What issue was Thomas struggling with in this passage? Do you find his struggle legitimate?
4. How would you define "belief?" How would you explain to an unbeliever that you believe in Jesus even though you haven't seen Him?
5. Since Jesus answered Thomas' request, what does this reveal about His nature?

Apply

6. In regard to your testimony, what aspect of the Gospel was most compelling for you in going from disbelief to belief in Jesus? How might God use this to stir belief in others?
7. In regard to your temperament, how do you best connect with God? How might God use this to refresh your faith in Him?
8. What part of your belief in God do you need to strengthen? How can Jesus help?

Pray

9. We all have areas in which we fail to believe in God the way we should. Take time praying for one another's areas of weak faith. Be honest with God and seek His help to meet you right where you are, as He did with Thomas.