

MESSAGE REVIEW

When it comes to the struggles we've experienced and witnessed all around us this past year – anger, addiction, anxiety, and depression – the one we may feel most out of bounds talking about in the church is doubt. But doubt is not the opposite of faith! Handled properly, doubt can strengthen our faith and draw us into a closer walk with the God of the universe who has revealed Himself to us and wants us to know Him.

WARM UP QUESTION

When was a time in your life when you doubted something or someone and you were proven incorrect?

Read <u>Matthew 28:5-7 and 16-17</u>. Describe this scene and imagine it happening as you do. What do you think your own reaction might have been to seeing a resurrected Jesus? What do you think the disciples were doubting in such a seemingly doubt-defying moment?

When it comes to matters of faith, are you ever plagued with feelings of doubt? What do you doubt? Have you ever believed that having doubts makes you a hypocrite or a lesser Christian?

Have a few people **read** <u>Psalm 73</u>. What has caused the psalmist to doubt God's goodness (vv. 1-14)? Can you identify? How is verse 17 a turning point for him? How does he replace doubts with the truth of God's character instead of his own feelings and understanding?

A.W. Tozer said, "What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us." What comes into yours? **Read <u>John 1:14 and 18</u>**. How do we know that God wants us to know Him? How can you know God better?

When have you allowed your doubts to take you down a bad path? How did you get there and what were the results? Do you believe the statement, "The answer to doubt isn't more faith, it's more Jesus"? Why or why not?

RESPOND

What have you learned about God from His Word? How is He asking you to apply it to your life? When will you apply it?

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