

SERMON STUDY GUIDE

FAITH & DOUBT



WEEK 3: JAN 22-28

Understanding God,
thank you for your
patience with us when
we struggle with our
doubts. Help us to
recognize the power of
doubt to strengthen our
relationship with you.
Amen

TITLE: THE POWER OF DOUBT TO SAVE

SCRIPTURE: John 20:24-29

24 Now Thomas (also known as Didymus[a]), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

26 A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

28 Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

29 Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

GETTING STARTED

- Welcome each other.
- Inquire as to anyone who is missing. Is follow-up needed?
- How do you react to the Scripture story informing this sermon?

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Do you resonate with some of the personal characteristics of Thomas? If so, how?
- How would you describe the relationship between Thomas and Jesus? Why is it important to consider?
- What are the pros and cons of doubt in one's life of faith?
- Could it be that there is a bigger threat to faith than doubt?
- What is/are the takeaway(s) for you from the story of Thomas?
- How is Thomas an example of the power of doubt to save?
- What does the story about Thomas mean to you now?

PRAYER REQUESTS

