MARINERS CHURCH



When I Have Doubts 9.11.22

WHEN IT COMES TO FAITH, DOUBTS ARE NORMAL.

Thomas

They told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he replied, "I won't believe it unless I see the nail wounds in his hands, put my fingers into them, and place my hand into the wound in his side." John 20:25 (NIV)

John the Baptist.

When the men came to Jesus, they said, "John the Baptist sent us to you to ask, 'Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?'" Luke 11:20

David.

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? Psalm 22:1 How long, Lord? Will you forget me forever? Psalm 113:1

WHAT SHOULD I DO IN MY DOUBT? Don't freak out.

Turn doubts into doorways.

Anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. Hebrews 11:6

When You said, "Seek My face," my heart said to You, "Your face, O LORD, I shall seek." Psalm 27:8



Know God loves me just as much when I doubt as when I'm certain.

Show mercy toward those who have doubts. Jude 1:22

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Talk it Over! For my thoughts and LifeGroup*

What are criticisms and doubts people have about God, Jesus, the Bible, or faith in general?

Read Matthew 13:1-23. What is Jesus saying? What do each of the soils represent?

Have you ever had "one of those particular kinds of soil?" What was it like? What changed?

Verses 11-17 are often overlooked in this chapter. What is Jesus saying to people?

Are you going through a doubting time right now? Do you feel comfortable sharing your doubt?

Pray for each other!!

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