

Sunday, May 31, 2020

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For Everyone | Doubt | Luke 7:19-23



<sup>18</sup> John's disciples told him about all these things. Calling two of them, <sup>19</sup> he sent them to the Lord to ask, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?" - Luke 7:18-19

### **1. John the Baptist Doubts:**

a) Reason John Doubted

### **2. Doubt Defined:**

a) What is Faith? (Hebrew 11:1 & Ephesians 2:8-9)

b) What is Doubt?

### **3. How We Overcome Doubt:**

a) Choose to \_\_\_\_\_ It

b) Choose the \_\_\_\_\_ Road

c) Choose Faith over \_\_\_\_\_

**Study Questions:**  
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**Getting Started:**

1) Today, as I write these question I have a 4pm appointment for a haircut. I never would have thought I would soooo look forward to going to the barber as I am today. When you think about getting back to normal from this pandemic what are you most excited to do or participate in that you haven't been able to? What will you be glad to leave behind after we get back to normal life?

**The Big Idea:**

When we read that John the Baptist struggled in his faith regarding Jesus being the Messiah it's astonishing given his background and calling. It is also super relatable. John was human and ALL humans struggle with doubt. Great faith is not necessarily the absence of doubt as much as it is what we CHOOSE to do with doubt. We can walk in tremendous faith in spite of doubt nipping at our heels.

**Digging Deeper:**

2) Read Luke 7:18-20. Talk about the doubt you see John the Baptist trying to negotiate in this passage. What do you think it was about verse 18 that fed John's temptation to doubt? Can you identify as a group any bible character who never struggled with doubt? What does this say about our doubt?

3) How would you define 'Doubt?' In what ways is doubt the antithesis of Faith? (Read Hebrews 11:1 & Ephesians 2:8-9) Is doubt an emotion? Why or why not? Is doubt sin? When does temptation (which is not sin) become sin? Did Jesus doubt? (I know, this can hurt your brain!!!)

4) Read Luke 7:21-23. How did Jesus react to John's doubt? What are some other examples of Jesus' reactions to doubt? (Read John 20:26-27 & Matthew 14:26-31) What do you see? Disappointment? Belittlement? Encouragement? Warning? Love? Jesus showcased truth to John through miracles of healing. What does this say about how Jesus wants to address our doubt?

5) Pastor Glen outlined 3 basic steps to deal with doubt. They are; 1) Choose to admit it, 2) Choose the right path & 3) Choose faith over feelings. Talk about each one and how those strategies work for you. What are some strategies you would suggest help you in your doubt?

**Making it Real:**

Spend time sharing areas where you are currently struggling with doubt and pray for one another.



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