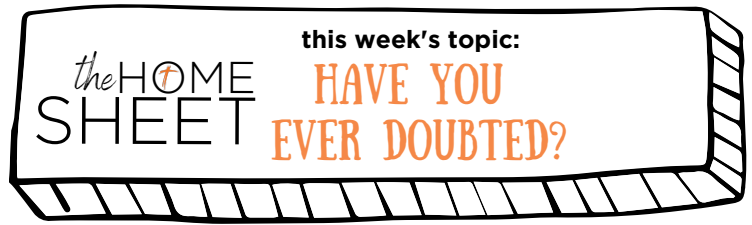


He is Risen

MIDCITY CHURCH



I. CHECK-IN

- Check-in with each other. How is life? What is happening?

V. PRAYER

Spend some time sharing prayer requests with each other. As the small group leader, we ask that you do two things:

1. write them down
2. ask someone to pray

IV. CHALLENGE

Just as Jesus provided what Thomas needed to believe, he can do the same for each of us. This week, spend time in prayer and let God know what you need to see and experience to know in your heart that the good news really is true. Pay attention to the way God provides those needs for you.

Be prepared to share your thoughts with the group next week.

III. DISCUSSION

- What thoughts do you have on the scripture above?
- Why are the disciples hiding out? What do they fear?
- Have you ever doubted that what we celebrate at Easter is real? Have you had other doubts about Christianity?
- What does it mean that Jesus defeated sin and death with his resurrection?
- Can you relate to Thomas not believing that Jesus is who he says he is?
- What do you need to believe?

II. SCRIPTURE

John 20:19-31:

It was still the first day of the week. That evening, while the disciples were behind closed doors because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities, Jesus came and stood among them. He said, "Peace be with you" After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. When the disciples saw the Lord, they were filled with joy. Jesus said to them again, Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I am sending you." Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven; if you don't forgive them, they aren't forgiven. Thomas, the one called Didymus, one of the Twelve, wasn't with the disciples when Jesus came. The other disciples told him, "We've seen the Lord!" But he replied, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, put my finger in the wounds left by the nails, and put my hand into his side, I won't believe." After eight days his disciples were again in a house and Thomas was with them. Even though the doors were locked, Jesus entered and stood among them. He said, "Peace be with you." Then Jesus said to Thomas, "Put your finger here. Look at my hands. Put your hand into my side. No more disbelief. Believe!" Thomas responded to Jesus, "My Lord and my God!"