

The Doubters Club: Run to the Tomb

April 3rd & 4th

Speaker: Dr. Mark Batterson

Scripture: Luke 24

Series Overview

"The Doubters Club has many members, from Job to Sarah, to Thomas, one of Christ's own disciples. Doubt is both a common and shared experience for many of us in the Beloved community. Although doubt can be a disorientating and a confusing experience, Christ walked through a wall to sit with Thomas in his doubt and he would do the same for you. As Thomas Merton once said, "though I may seem to be lost... I will not fear, for You are ever with me."

Series Discussion Questions

Where have you experienced doubt in your life?

Message Overview

In the first century, death by crucifixion was not uncommon. Lots of people died on Roman crosses, but only one person predicted their own resurrection and then pulled it off. His name is Jesus! The foundation of our faith is an empty tomb. That is where heaven invades earth, eternity invades time, and life defeats death. Faith is not the absence of doubt any more than courage is the absence of fear. But that is when and where and why we RUN TO THE TOMB. If the tomb is empty, all bets are off and all things are possible!

Message-Specific Discussion Questions

How do you overcome feelings of unbelief?

Read Luke 24:1 When the women who gathered found the tomb empty, they were puzzled and did not know how to respond. Describe a time when you experienced a season of doubt. **How did you lean on Jesus during that season?**

Pastor Mark Stated: "Doubt is forgetting what God has said, what God has done. Faith is a function of His faithfulness!" What are some examples of things that God has done for you in times of doubt?

Pastor Mark Left us with this statement, and two questions.

"Two thousand years ago, the world woke up to an empty tomb. The sinless Son of God, who had been crucified on a cross, conquered the grave on the third day! When Jesus walked out of that tomb, all bets were off. All things were possible."

- 1. One, do you believe it?
- 2. Two, are you living like it?

Practical Application

- ☐ Think through a few promises that God has spoken to you. Spend some time journaling through these promises.
- □ Join us throughout The Doubters Club series, as we dig into God's Word and practice the S.O.A.P. (Scripture, observation, application, prayer) method of Bible study together throughout the week. Subscribe at NCC Daily
- Climb the stairs to the <u>Upper Zoom</u> each Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 7:14am. We'll come together as a community to start our days in His presence together, listening intently, and responding in prayer. Register at <u>ncc.re/UpperZoom</u>.