

THE DOUBTERS CLUB

The Doubters Club: Hope for the Crushed

April 17th & 18th

Speaker: Pastor Joshua Symonette

Scripture: Jeremiah 29

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

Doubt is more emotional than it is intellectual. There are many examples of this in our lives. This message shines a light on how emotional trauma, sustained oppression, and the degradation of identity causes people to walk away from Christianity. The scriptures, many of which were written by the poor, people of color, and the oppressed show us God's true intentions, despite the misrepresentation of that hope.

Message-Specific Discussion Questions

Think about the song: “*Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world.*” **How can you exemplify the love that Jesus shows to the children of the world, to everyone you come in contact with?**

Read Jeremiah 29:10-11 For this is what the LORD says: “When seventy years for Babylon are complete, I will attend to you and will confirm my promise concerning you to restore you to this place. For I know the plans I have for you” this is the LORD’s declaration “plans for your well-being, not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.” **If you have a moment of doubt, how can this verse infuse hope into your life?**

Pastor Joshua highlights three things that God is saying in Jeremiah 29:10-11: **“I see you; I have set an expiration; I have set an expectation.”**

I see you. Share an example of a time where you felt that you were not seen. **Who helped you during this time of feeling invisible?**

There is a set expiration date: Pastor Joshua stated that: **“To everything there is a season.”** Take some time to share about a season of your life where you do not know why certain things were happening the way that they were. **What were some practices that helped you grow through that season?**

There is a set expectation: John 10:10 States that there is a future and a hope. **How do you anchor yourself to this scripture? What are you hopeful for in the future? What steps can you take today to make that a reality?**

What are some ways that you can listen and learn this week?

Practical Application

- Take some time this week to be intentional in listening to what people have to say. Journal through some lessons that you have learned from the people who are expressing their feelings.
- 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](#)
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