

The Doubters Club: Make Doubt Work For You

April 24th & 25th

Speaker: Pastor Robb Schmidgall

Scripture: Mark 9:24

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

Doubt is inherent in all our lives. The question is, are we allowing it to work FOR us, or against us?

Message-Specific Discussion Questions

Do you believe that your experiences with God are real?

Pastor Robb talked about the importance of finding your meaning in life. What is your "meaning" that carries you through the sufferings that make this life difficult? What drives you to get out of bed in the morning?

Pastor Robb listed out four postures of the heart that allow doubt to work for you as you choose to believe.

1. Move Toward Forgiveness. Who do you need to forgive? Do you need to forgive God for something that happened in your life?

- **2.** Move Toward Vulnerability. Vulnerability requires a community, and your community matters! **Who is in your circle?**
- 3. Move Toward Simplicity. It is important to live from a state of Shalom, peace. What voices do you need to shut off?
- **4.** Move Toward Integration. Integration is about living on a mission. Where do you need to see the beauty of God in this process of integration?

Think about this quote stated by Pastor Robb: "The dirt has purpose as much as the seed has potential." Seeds of faith require dirt in our lives. **How can you use your doubt to make an active choice?**

Practical Application

- □ Take some time this week to examine your posture. **How is God calling you to posture yourself in this season?**
- 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 <u>NCC Daily</u>
- 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 ncc.re/UpperZoom**.