



Life Group Discussion Guide
Conversations with Jesus
Jesus with Thomas – John 20:18-31
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Main Thought:

**GOD IS GREATER THAN SCIENCE—MY SENSES—SOUND SENSE & EXPERIENCE
HE WANTS TO DO IN YOUR LIFE WHAT YOU WILL NEVER EXPECT...
AND YOU WILL NEVER FORGET**

Sunday Outline:

Doubt not dealt with can lead to disbelief

Disbelief can lead to fear—fear can lead to locking ourselves away

Doubt dealt with delivers from disbelief

The quickest way to my faith is through my fear...and that's where Jesus enters

Welcome & Fellowship Time (Suggested Time 10 Minutes)

Open in Prayer

Week in Review: (Suggested Sharing Time 10 minutes)

- In what areas did you pursue Christ-likeness last week?

Discussion Starter: (Suggested Time 5 minutes)

- How can you relate to Thomas' statement: "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it."?

Sermon Review: (Suggested Time 20 minutes).

Review John 20:24-41 as a group and discuss the following questions.

- How have you seen the Lord in your life? How have you responded?
- How have you NOT seen the Lord act in your life when others have? How have you responded?
- How has Jesus used your fears so He may enter where you have locked yourself away?



Digging Deeper: (*Suggested Time 15 minutes*)

Read John 20:25-29 and discuss the following questions.

- What are your fears that prevent you from experiencing Jesus' peace, presence, power, purpose, and proof that He offers you—and all that He offered the disciples?
- How have you allowed science, senses, your sense, and experience to keep you from believing in what Jesus wants to do in your life & what He has called you to?
- Where on the teeter-totter would you describe your faith today? Why? How does what we value in life affect our faith? Should it? Why?
- How have you seen God 'do' in your life what you never expected...and will never forget?

Application: (*Suggested Time 10 minutes*)

- How would you fill in the blank of Thomas' statement: "Unless I...I will not believe it."? Pray this week—each day—for God to answer you. Find time this week to spend with Him and give Him the opportunity to answer you.
- If you sat down with Jesus and He said, "Stop doubting and believe," what would "belief" lead you to do?
- What frightens you most about getting into the wheelbarrow? What would excite you most about getting into the wheelbarrow? What will you do?

Group Prayer Requests: (*Suggested Time 10 minutes*)

Spend time praying for each other & praying for application of the study in the lives of the group members. (*Suggested time 10 minutes*)