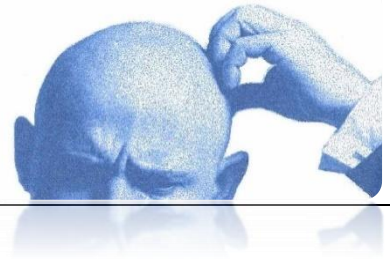


Thomas

## Small Group Questions

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- Read **John 20:24-29**. What stands out to you in this text?
- Thomas demanded physical proof of the resurrection. Would literally touching Jesus make him more real to you? Why?
- Have you ever had doubts about Jesus and/or Christianity?
- What current questions do you have?

You are welcome to abandon the questions below to address the questions that emerge
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- Deconstruction (of faith) is a relatively frequent experience for western millennials. Why do you think so many are leaving the church? What might encourage them to stay?
- James K. A. Smith suggests that “in our secular age, believing doesn’t come easy. Faith is fraught; confession is haunted by an inescapable sense of its contestability. We don’t believe instead of doubting; we believe *while* doubting. We’re all Thomas now.” Do you agree with this statement? Why?
- In what ways can faith and doubt coexist?
- John 20:11-29 tells three successive stories in which Jesus meets his followers where they are—Mary in her confusion, this disciples in their fear, and Thomas in his doubt. What does this tell us about Jesus? How might the church imitate Jesus?