Easter 2024 Participant Guide

Breaking the Ice

1. How was your Good Friday and Easter? Did you do anything unique or special to celebrate?

Getting Started

- 1. What are some common doubts people have today regarding Christianity?
- 2. Read John 20:24-25. What did Thomas need to believe that Jesus was truly alive?
- 3. Read John 20:26-29. What stands out to you about Jesus' response to Thomas' doubts?

Digging Deeper

- 1. Thomas is not the only person in the Bible who experienced doubts. Let's look at a few other people who had doubts and discuss how God responded to those doubts.
 - a. Moses: Read Exodus 3:1 4:17.
 - i. What did God call Moses to do in these verses?
 - ii. How did Moses respond to God's call?
 - iii. Look at Exodus 4:10. What specifically did Moses doubt?
 - iv. How did God respond to Moses' doubts?
 - b. Sarah: Read Genesis 18:1-15 and Genesis 21:1-7.
 - i. What promise did Sarah receive in these verses?
 - ii. What did Sarah doubt about God in these verses?
 - iii. How did God respond to Sarah's doubts?
 - c. John the Baptist: Read Matthew 11:1-11.
 - i. Describe John the Baptist's circumstances in these verses.
 - ii. What doubts does John the Baptist express in these verses?

iii. How did Jesus respond to John the Baptist's doubts?

Bringing It Home

- Thomas doubted Jesus was alive and that the man who stood in front of him was truly the resurrected Jesus. Moses doubted God's ability to use him. Sarah doubted God's ability to keep his promises and perform a miracle in her life. John the Baptist doubted whether or not Jesus was who He said He was in light of his trial. Which of these do you relate to the most? Why?
- 2. What is something that you're doubting in your own life right now?
- 3. How does God's (and Jesus in Thomas' case) responses to these 4 people give you hope in the middle of your doubt?