

**WELCOME / OPEN IN PRAYER**

**INTRODUCTIONS:** Share the topic & takeaway this week from above

**REVIEW FROM LAST WEEK:**  
Were you able to cultivate a habit of generosity with your talents, gifts, or abilities in your daily life?

**GOD-STORIES:** A God-story is an undeniable encounter or experience with God that creates an impact or breakthrough in a person's day-to-day life.

**REVIEW THE GUIDELINES:** Share the guidelines to set the rails for group time

**WEEK #1**

**THOUGHT PROVOKING QUESTION:** Can you share an experience that challenged your beliefs or perceptions in a surprising or unexpected way?

**SAFE ENVIRONMENT | CONFIDENTIALITY | LISTEN | PAUSE | SILENCE | NO "CROSS TALK"  
NO FIXING | NO RESCUING | SHARING | SELF AWARE | "I" STATEMENTS | CONFLICT**

**TOPIC:** BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT

**THEME:** I DOUBT THAT DEAD THINGS COME BACK TO LIFE

**TAKEAWAY:** WE WILL BELIEVE, BEFORE WE SEE!

**SHARE BACKGROUND AND PROVIDE  
CONTEXT TO THE BIBLE STORY.**

Thomas, one of Jesus' disciples, struggled to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. Before this event, Jesus had been crucified and buried, and his followers were devastated by his death.

Thomas, so often remembered as "Doubting Thomas," deserves to be respected for his faith. He was a doubter, but his doubts had a purpose; he wanted to know the truth. Doubting was only his way of responding, not his way of life. Although our glimpses of Thomas are brief, his character consistently comes through. Despite what he felt, he struggled to be faithful to what he knew. At one point, when it was plain to everyone that Jesus' life was in danger, only Thomas put

into words what most were feeling, "Let's go, too--and die with Jesus" (John 11:16). He didn't hesitate to follow Jesus. The story of Thomas is a powerful reminder of the importance of faith in Christianity. It also highlights the doubts and struggles that even the most devoted followers of Jesus may experience.

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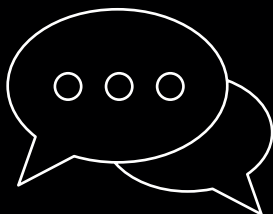
*Support Passages: JOHN 1:12, JOHN 10:10*

**VOLUNTEER FROM LAST WEEK  
SHARES THE STORY (JOHN 20:24-29)**

**INVITE EVERYONE TO ENGAGE BY  
BUILDING THE STORY.**

**READ SCRIPTURE OUT LOUD TO SEE IF  
ANYTHING WAS ADDED OR OMITTED**

**DIVE DEEPER WITH DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**



1. Why was it so hard for Thomas to believe that Jesus had risen?
2. If Jesus has risen, what could He resurrect in my life right now? (dreams, hopes, plans, wounds, doubts, fears, etc.) Share with the group
3. What is the "risk" if I genuinely want to trust Him with my life? What is the "risk" if I don't?"
4. \_\_\_\_\_?

**ASSIGN NEXT WEEK'S STORY: Mark 5:1-20**

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Share & record prayer requests & follow up throughout the week

**ASK A VOLUNTEER TO CLOSE IN PRAYER.**