

What If I Have Doubts?

Ice Breaker: What's one question that you're hoping to ask God when you get to Heaven?

BIG IDEA: Faith is not simply about believing the right things. After all, even the demons believe in God (James 1:19). Biblical faith is defined by trust and action – the kind where we keep seeking God, keep calling out to God, and keep following God – even when we may still have doubts.

Digging Deeper:

- 1) Read Jeremiah 29:11-13. What role does our 'seeking' play in the plans and purposes of God being fulfilled in our lives? How and why do you think 'seeking God' brings Him glory?
- 2) When a group of first century skeptics questioned Jesus about who he was, he responded by saying this: "If anyone chooses to do God's will, he will find out whether my teaching comes from God." (John 7:17)
 - a) How should this teaching of Jesus inform the way we invite people to wrestle with their doubts and questions?
 - b) How should this teaching inform the way we wrestle with our questions?
- 3) Read the first part of Jude 22. What would it look like for you to be merciful to those who doubt? What would it look like for us (as a church) to be merciful to those who doubt?
 - c) Are there any doubts or questions about God with which you're wrestling? If so, risk sharing them with each other – and "be merciful" (Jude 22) with each other as you share.
 - d) Spend some time praying for each other: that as you follow Jesus – your questions and doubts would give way to a deeper sense of trust in who He is (John 7:17).
 - e) Pray for those who raised their hands this weekend who have embarked on a 6-month exploratory journey of following Jesus – that each one may come to a deep experiential conviction that Jesus really is who He said He is.