

Growth Group Questions

Believe

1. Read John 20:19-23. Since the disciples were afraid of the Jewish leaders who had just killed Jesus, they hid behind locked doors. How did the peace offered by the resurrected Christ begin to calm their fears?
 - a. How does forgiveness offer you the most satisfying and long-lasting peace?
 - b. What is one of your favorite peace-providing passages or stories from Scripture?
 - c. Is there anyone in your life that would benefit from hearing your passage or Scripture story of peace?

2. Read John 20:24-29. Thomas is an example of every Christian who experiences blinding moments of doubt ("I will not believe!") and clear minded moments of faith ("My Lord and my God.") What is it that keeps you on level ground when you've been through valleys of doubt?

3. Read John 20:30-31. All of Jesus' miracles were proof that Jesus was true God. The very fact that you believe this message revealed in the Bible is a miracle that can only be worked by God. Recalling how prone we are to unbelief, why is it comforting to know that your life now and life hereafter depends not on who you are or what you do, but rests solely on believing in Jesus as your Savior?
 - a. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "My life of faith isn't so much me holding on to God as him holding on to me."
 - b. Share some Bible reading ideas with your group that have helped you remain firmly in Jesus' grasp.



Car Conversations

Keep the conversation with your kids going using these questions based on the Faith Kids' lesson.

(The following questions are based on Luke 24:13-35)

1. What would you say if your friend asked you what hope is?
2. Share some good things you have hoped for.
3. Why did Jesus' disciples lose hope after his death?
4. What do you think it means to have hope in Jesus? Why will Jesus NEVER disappoint you?
5. How would you help someone who doesn't have any hope?