



MISSION CREEK

Alliance Church

1. We have just celebrated the Easter Weekend. What would you say God has been encouraging you with or speaking to you about over this Easter season?
2. Read John 20:19-29. Is there anything in these stories that grabs your attention?
3. How have you come to believe in the resurrection of Jesus? What doubts do you struggle with when it comes to the Christian faith?
4. During this Sunday's message Pastor Keith highlighted the similarities between the two stories in John 20:19-23 and John 20:24-29, and he noted that the only difference was that Thomas was present in the second story. What is the significance of that detail?
5. Jesus came back for Thomas, the one we call doubter. There is a great hope in there for us. When it comes to faith, do you ever feel like an outsider? What are the things that make you feel that way?
6. How does Thomas' story bring you hope?
7. Pastor Keith talked about the "unless" that we live with; the barriers that stand in the way of taking a step of faith. (see verse 25) What are the "unlesses" that you live with?
8. Discuss this statement: "God gives us what we need to believe, and sometimes what we need isn't what we think we need. And the "unless" we live with becomes this self-imposed barrier that we've learned to live with that gets in the way of moving forward into something greater with God."
9. Read Romans 8:10-11. How does this verse relate to the reality and power of the First Easter Sunday. Do you believe what the Apostle Paul is saying here?
10. Keith used the image of God giving us a Holy Spirit blood transfusion. Where do you feel you need that and why?
11. Pray for a fresh filling of the Holy Spirit for each person in your group.

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