

## TAKE-HOME QUESTIONS

1. **Share** times in your life when it is/was hard to talk about Jesus, or when you doubted, like Thomas, that God was God.
2. Articulating your faith is all about understanding what you believe and why you believe it, so you can explain it to others. **Draw** a picture of a house (leave room at the bottom for a Bible verse). Inside the house write down what your home believes about God and why:
  - **Summarize** some favorite Bible verses
  - **Quote** something from a worship experience during the Hope series
3. **Write** John 20:28, "Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" on the bottom of the picture, but REPLACE "Thomas" with all the "disciples" in your home.

## OTHER RESOURCES

### **Believing God**

by Beth Moore

### **Battling Unbelief**

by John Piper

# HOPE:

Hope For The Doubtful  
October 31 & November 1

## WEEKEND

Thomas  
John 20

I was \_\_\_\_\_ to be a follower of Jesus and one of the chosen twelve apostles! (*Matthew 10:3, Mark 3:18, Luke 6:15*)

*Do you know the blessing of being a follower of Jesus?*

If you do... \_\_\_\_\_ !

If you do not... \_\_\_\_\_ !

I was committed, bold, and willing to \_\_\_\_\_ !

(*John 11:16*)

*Would you \_\_\_\_\_ for Jesus...really?*

I wanted to follow Jesus closely...no matter where He went.

(*John 14:5*)

*How closely do you follow God...in a daily way?*

Following the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus...

Following the \_\_\_\_\_ of God...

Following the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit...

I doubted, I \_\_\_\_\_ it, I questioned...but God never abandoned me. (*John 20:24-25*)

*Where do you struggle with doubt?*

Jesus met me right \_\_\_\_\_ .

(*John 20:26-27*)

*Where do you need Jesus to meet you today?*

I got it, re-affirmed my faith, and I'm stronger than ever!

(*John 20:28*)

*What re-affirmation do you need to make today?*

# HOPE:

Hope For The Doubtful  
November 4

## MIDWEEK

The Father's Story  
Mark 9:14-29

I love my son!  
I want him to be \_\_\_\_\_ !  
I brought him where I thought I could find \_\_\_\_\_ !  
I was \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ .

Sometimes doubting becomes an \_\_\_\_\_ !

The Father (Mark 9:24)

The disciples (Mark 9:17-18)

A generation (Mark 9:19)

God says all things are possible, but we can still believe  
and need more belief. Some of the areas we need to  
\_\_\_\_\_ our belief might be:

Does God really hear and answer our \_\_\_\_\_ ?

What will it take for my friend or family member to  
\_\_\_\_\_ ?

Do I really have power to \_\_\_\_\_ sin and temptation?

Is it possible for my life to \_\_\_\_\_ for the better?

Can my relationship with God become more  
\_\_\_\_\_ ?

Does God really have the power to \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
\_\_\_\_\_ , and restore?

Is the \_\_\_\_\_ really the absolute \_\_\_\_\_  
from God?

## MINI-CHURCH DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What were some of the highlights for you from the Mini-Church teaching or the message this past weekend?
2. Who is one person (in your family, from your church, or a friend) who has been a model of confident faith through the years? What is it about their faith and life that inspires you?
3. Doubting is a normal part of faith development. Tell about a past struggle with doubt. What was helpful in getting you through that season?
4. Where do you presently doubt? The father of the sick boy (Mark 9:24) confesses that he believes, but still struggles with unbelief. He asks Jesus to help him in that struggle. God has placed you in this Mini-Church to surround you with people who care about you and want to support you. Please share any current area of doubt you might have, and pray for each other (divide in smaller groups if needed).
5. Read John 20:24-31. What did Thomas learn in the midst of his doubt? Thomas drew Jesus close to him by inviting Him into the midst of his doubt. What did Thomas learn by turning toward Jesus, instead of running away? What is God teaching you in the midst of your doubt?
6. Bless each other with a word of encouragement.
7. What has God been showing you/teaching you/ revealing to you through this HOPE series? Write out your story of Hope and put it on the blog [www.hopefc.com](http://www.hopefc.com), email it to us at [minichurch@faithchurchoonline.org](mailto:minichurch@faithchurchoonline.org) or send it snail mail. We would love to hear your story of HOPE!