

Series: Are You the One?

11/29/2020

Message: The Proof is a Changed Life

Text: Matthew 11:1-6

DIGGING DEEPER GUIDE

BIG IDEA: IN YOUR DOUBT IS THE SEED OF FAITH

Getting Started

If you could have any gift you wanted for Christmas this year, what would you ask for?

Reflection/Discussion Questions

1. How might prison have raised doubts for John about Jesus' identity?
2. Why do you think Jesus answers John's question: "Are you the One?" with evidence rather than promises?
3. John was a prophet and still had doubts from time to time. What does that mean for us as Christians today?
4. What kind of situations tend to bring out doubts for you regarding Jesus?
5. *"In your doubt is the seed of faith. Doubt and faith are allies, not enemies."* When has your faith become stronger as a result of your questions or doubts?

6. In times of discouragement and doubt, what most renews your courage and faith?
7. What are the prayer requests on your mind today?

Prayer: Jesus, thank you for coming to earth to show us how you can change lives. Strengthen us during the times when doubts cloud our vision of what you are doing in our lives and in our world. Thank you for the example of John the Baptist who was honest with his doubts and asked Jesus for help. May we follow his example in our own lives. Amen.

Going Deeper: Read Matthew Chapter 3:1-17 and Matthew 11:1-14. Compare the two encounters that John the Baptist had with Jesus. What do you see and hear? What are the noticeable differences and/or similarities?

FOCUS SCRIPTURES:

"John the Baptist, who was in prison, heard about all the things the Messiah was doing. So he sent his disciples to ask Jesus, 'Are you the One? Are you the Messiah we've been expecting, or should we keep looking for someone else?' Jesus told them, 'Go back to John and tell him what you have heard and seen—the blind see, the lame walk, those with leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised to life, and the Good News is being preached to the poor.' And he added, 'God blesses those who do not fall away because of me.'" Matthew 11:2-6