



Life Groups 2018

NLC Life Group Sermon Study

Week of February 18, 2018
Sermon: EDIT III — Doubt

Life Group Schedule

15 MIN Eat, Meet & Greet

15 MIN Ice Breaker Game: **Desert Island. Instructions:** You've been exiled to a deserted island for a year. In addition to the essentials, you may take one piece of music, one book (which is not the Bible) and one luxury item you can carry with you, (i.e., not a boat to leave the island!). What would you take and why?' Share your answers.

OPENING PRAYER

45–60 MIN “EDIT III—Doubt” **LUKE 24**

- Doubt is one of the greatest weapons the enemy uses to distract and defeat us.

ROAD TO EMMAUS

- Luke 24 tells the story of Christ right after he was crucified.
 - › He has gone to the cross, defeated sin and the grave, rose again...but no one knows all of this yet. They heard Jesus say what would happen many times, but doubt has crept in.

LUKE 24:1 “But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared.”

- They were going about the common traditions of burial for a loved one, but they didn't find a body in the grave. They found two angels declaring that Jesus had risen, who also reminded them that Jesus said this would happen!

LUKE 24:8 “And they remembered His words”

DOUBT MAKES ME FORGET.

Q1. What are some steps you can take to remember God's promises?

- › When we're in trouble financially: Matthew 6:26.
- › When we're lost: Psalm 119:105.
- › When we're in temptation: I Corinthians 10:13.

- The disciples proved that when in doubt, we completely forget the words God speaks to us:

READ LUKE 24:10-11

Q2. What are you doubting in this season? Where does God's Word speak into that situation?

DOUBT BLINDS ME.

READ LUKE 24:13-16

- When you are in doubt, you won't recognize Jesus, even if He is staring you in the face.
- We may think God isn't here for us, but if He is the same yesterday, today, and forever, who moved?

JAMES 1:17 "Every good and perfect gift is from above..."

DOUBT DROWNS OUT GOD'S VOICE.

READ LUKE 24:17

- These guys spent years with Jesus and now can't recognize Him or even hear his voice!

Q3. Experiment: Everyone close your eyes and continue the conversation. Can you recognize who is speaking without seeing them?

- › Doubt will make God's voice unrecognizable, no matter how many times you've heard it before.
- › When you can't recognize God's voice, what voices will you listen to?

Q4. Have you allowed doubt to silence God? Or have you ever thought you heard from God about something, but then it didn't work out?

- Sometimes we misunderstand God, but it doesn't mean we don't hear Him or that He doesn't speak.

ROMANS 8:28 "He knows us far better than we know ourselves. That's why we can be so sure that every detail in our lives of love for God is worked into something good."

- If we are doing our best to love God, He will work it to good. So God covers us...even when we 'misunderstand.'

DOUBT DIMINISHES THE PROMISES OF GOD.

READ LUKE 24:25-27

- Doubt caused them to be slow to believe all the promises the prophets had spoken and all the promises Jesus himself spoke.
 - › Were the promises still true? Yes. Just because we doubt a promise, it doesn't mean it's not true.
- When you always doubt the promises spoken, the promises are still there, but the effects of the promises are diminished in your life, because your doubt precludes you from fully living in the promise.

Q5. Is there anything of your life where you're holding back, maybe doubting that God will provide or heal?

- Dread is a debilitating combination of doubt and fear.
 - › It starts when you fear something bad may happen, then doubt follows through
 - › Doubt then follows through and tempts you to believe that something bad will happen and there's nothing you can do to stop it.

Q6. Is there anything you currently tend to dread?

- Doubt is dangerous and we all do it, so what do we do about it?

LET HIM BREAK DOUBT OFF OF YOU! HOW?

READ LUKE 24: 29-30

1. See Him again!

- If He broke doubt off of His disciples, even though they were afraid, hurt, and angry, He can do it for you, if you let Him.

READ LUKE 24:31-32

2. Hear Him again!

- The noise of doubt will vanish, and the voice of God will become clear. His hope will echo in our hearts instead of the voice of fear and doubt, and it won't be a meek or shallow conversation. Our hearts will burn with passion as we hear the voice of God.
- As God continues to build in us the truth of who He is and break the things off of us that aren't of Him, we will have confidence again!

READ LUKE 24:33-34

3. Have confidence again!

- These men had run away from Jerusalem because they were in danger, but now we see them returning to Jerusalem with confidence. Why? Because they had unfinished business.
 - › God didn't call them away. Doubt drove them away!
 - › Before this they were huddled in fear, but now they're ready to declare the Truth!
- Doubt has driven many of us away from what God has called us to, but when we allow Christ to break that off of us, we move into action again.

- › Some of you have unfinished business in your heart, your family, your place of work, or your church.
- › Let God break doubt off of you and get you back in the game!
- **Lion's Roar Analogy**
 - › The male lion's roar is so loud and powerful that it can be heard for miles, placing fear in the hearts of other animals around, causing their muscles to tense up and at times paralyze them.
 - › But when a lion cub hears the roar, it makes them feel safe and confident!
 - › Like the lion, God is roaring over you. With Him, doubt doesn't have a chance. Let confidence build up in you.
 - › You know who God is. You know who you are in Him, so let Him break doubt off of you, and believe!

READ LUKE 24:35

- Communion is a reminder that He was broken so that He could break things off of you, giving you full access to God.
- But we have to trust Him and let Him edit doubt out.

PRAY TOGETHER THROUGH ANY NEED THAT HAS SURFACED.

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