



AURORA STUDENT MINISTRIES

Aurora Student Ministry Discussion Guide for Sunday March 8, 2020

We're kicking off a new series on DOUBT and this week's focus is: You're not alone in your doubts. We'll start with a few discussion questions, then explore some text from the Bible.

Start off with these discussion questions:

1. Share a story you've heard from a friend or celebrity that left you thinking, "I doubt THAT really happened."
2. Have you ever had a doubt or question about God? Share what it is, if you're comfortable.
3. Has anyone ever shared a doubt or a question about God with you? How did you respond?
4. When was the last time you talked to God about your doubts or questions?
5. Do you think it's OK to doubt God?

Then, read this aloud:

Everyone doubts God at some point. Even the most righteous pastor you've ever heard of has doubts. There's good news here, though: God knows we doubt. He doesn't expect us to always be happy and carefree. He wants us to express our pain and confusion honestly and openly. You are not alone in your doubts.

Read Hebrews 4:14-16 together:

"So then, since we have a great High Priest who has entered heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to what we believe. This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most."

Discuss again:

1. What can we learn from this passage about dealing with our own doubts and questions?
2. This passage says that Jesus understands our weaknesses and faced all the same testings that we do. Do you think this means Jesus had doubts, too? (See Matthew 27:45-46 to expand your discussion).
3. What do you think God would want us to know about our doubts?
4. What is one way our conversation today is going to change the way you see your doubts?

Pray as a family:

Thank God for His grace and mercy

Thank God for desiring to answer our questions

Thank God for understanding our weaknesses