

GROWTH GROUP DISCUSSION

CONNECT

Have you ever doubted something that later turned out to be true? What changed your mind? Share your story.

LEARN & APPLY

Read John 20:19-20.

- Why do you think the disciples were so afraid? Do you think their fear was justifiable? Why or why not?
- Why does Jesus say, "Peace be with you," to the disciples and then show them his hands and side? What was their reaction?

Read John 20:24-31.

- Thomas was not with the other disciples when Jesus first appeared to them. Why do you think he was absent?
- Why do you think Thomas doubted the other disciples' story about Jesus? What did it take to change his mind?
- Did Jesus seem at all angry or disappointed in Thomas?
- Do you have any doubts that hinder you from following Jesus? If so, how do you go about addressing those doubts to God?

PRAY

Lord Jesus, you are full of love and compassion for us - even when we doubt you. Help us to grow in our trust of you. Help us to encourage others when they are struggling to believe you. Thank you for the gift of faith that comes through hearing your Word which moves us forward into life! We pray this all in Jesus' name. Amen.