



Five Things You Can't
Say in Church

I'm Not Sure About That

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John 20:24-29

24 Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it."

26 A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"

27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

28 Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

29 Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Genesis 17:17

Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed and said to himself, "Shall a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Shall Sarah, who is ninety years old bear a child?"

Exodus 5:22-23

Then Moses turned to the Lord and said, 'O Lord, why have you done evil to this people? Why did you ever send me? For since I came to Pharaoh to speak in your name, he has done evil to this people, and you have not delivered your people at all.'

Matthew 11:2-3

When John heard in prison what Christ was doing, he sent his disciples to ask him, "Are you the one who was to come, or should we expect someone else?"

Psalms 10:1-11

Discussion Questions

Have you ever believed something that wasn't true?

Why did you believe it?

How did you feel when you found out the truth?

Do you ever find yourself doubting God?
When?

How do you feel when you're doubting?

What does the story of Thomas tell you?
What does God do with our doubts?

Why does the church typically not like hearing these doubts?
What do we do with others who share their doubts?

How do we deal honestly with our doubts and the doubts of others?

How does Jesus help us in this?