

Acts 17:24-28⁻²⁴ “He is the God who made the world and everything in it. Since he is Lord of heaven and earth, he doesn’t live in man-made temples,²⁵ and human hands can’t serve his needs—for he has no needs. He himself gives life and breath to everything, and he satisfies every need.²⁶ From one man^[f] he created all the nations throughout the whole earth. He decided beforehand when they should rise and fall, and he determined their boundaries.²⁷ “His purpose was for the nations to seek after God and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him—though he is not far from any one of us.²⁸ For in him we live and move and exist. As some of your^[g] own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring.’”

Review

- World View
- You have heard it this way but I tell you
- Week 9 But some doubted

Some Doubted

Matthew 28:16-20⁻¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples left for Galilee, going to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go.¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him—but **some of them doubted!**¹⁸ Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth.¹⁹ Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations,^[b] baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.²⁰ Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

Different Doubts

- Gods goodness, control, ability, love, grace, forgiveness (Examples)
- Self-Doubt (Examples)

Different Doubters

Mark 9:21-24⁻²¹ “How long has this been happening?” Jesus asked the boy’s father. He replied, “Since he was a little boy.²² The spirit often throws him into the fire or into water, trying to kill him. Have mercy on us and help us, if you can.”²³ “What do you mean, ‘If I can?’” Jesus asked. “Anything is possible if a person believes.”²⁴ The father instantly cried out, “I do believe, but help me overcome my unbelief!”

John 20:24-28⁻²⁴ One of the twelve disciples, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin),^[c] was not with the others when Jesus came.²⁵ They told him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he replied, “I won’t believe it unless I see the nail wounds in his hands, put my fingers into them, and place my hand into the wound in his side.”²⁶ Eight days later the disciples were together again, and this time Thomas was with them. The doors were locked; but suddenly, as before, Jesus was standing among them. “Peace be with you,” he said.²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and look at my hands. Put your hand into the wound in my side. Don’t be faithless any longer. Believe!”²⁸ “My Lord and my God!” Thomas exclaimed.

Matthew 11:2-3⁻² John the Baptist, who was in prison, heard about all the things the Messiah was doing. So he sent his disciples to ask Jesus,³ “Are you the Messiah we’ve been expecting,^[a] or should we keep looking for someone else?”

(Peter walking on water) - Matthew 14:27-31

(Moses and the burning bush) - Exodus 3

What are your doubts?

Proverbs 3:5-6 “Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.

The Mission

- We are called to be on mission with Christ
- To be following Jesus, changed by Jesus, on mission with Jesus
- To make and be disciples
- Compelled by Christ
- In our weaknesses we can be strong

2 Corinthians 5:20-21- ²⁰ So we are Christ’s ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, “Come back to God!” ²¹ For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin,^[e] so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

- Christ love compels us
- In our weakness he is strong

1 Peter 5:6 -7 ⁶ So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor. ⁷ Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.

Closing Questions

- 1) What are you hearing today?
- 2) What doubts are you having? What would it look like to go to God?
- 3) Will we choose to follow God even when we don’t understand?
- 4) Will we be on mission with Him in the midst of our doubts?
- 5) If you don’t know Jesus

For Small Group Discussion and personal reflection:

Opening Question: What stood out to you the most from the sermon this week?

Main Point: *Jesus recognized that we will struggle with doubts, but He has given us authority through the Holy Spirit to overcome those doubts.*

Read/Tell the Story: Matthew 28:16-20

Questions:

1. Where is doubt most likely to show up in your life?
2. The disciples were there in person worshiping Jesus. Why do you think some still doubted?
3. How has God proven Himself to you in the past?
4. How has obeying God helped your own personal faith grow?
5. We are commanded to go and make disciples. Who has done that for you, and how are you doing at that with others?
6. God promised to be with us until the end of the age. How do you feel His presence in your own life?
7. Starting a new Life Group might be a good next step for you to start making disciples.

Supporting Scripture:

- Jude 22, Lamentations 3:22-24, Mark 9:23-25

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