



APRIL 17, 2022 | DAVID SMITH  
**EASTER**

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### **ICEBREAKER (10 MINUTES)**

With Spring here and the weather warming up, what outdoor activity are you most looking forward to?

### **INTRODUCTION (5-10 MINUTES)**

Like many of us, Thomas had his doubts. However, once he encountered the Risen Savior his life was forever changed. After the resurrection of Jesus, Thomas went on to Babylon and established the first Christian church in that country. By the end of his life, he was able to spread the Gospel to Persia, China, and India. No matter where you are in your faith, this Easter is the best time for you to bring your doubts to Jesus.

### **INTO THE WORD (25 MINUTES)**

1. Read Hebrews 10:24-25. How has being a part of a small group helped you share your spiritual questions and doubts?
2. Read John 20:24-25. Have you had a time in your life when you have had doubts about your faith? How did you respond or how are you responding and what have you learned from that experience?
3. Read John 20:27-29. What do you find significant about Jesus' response to Thomas and what do you think He means when he says, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed"?

### **APPLICATION (25 MINUTES)**

1. Read John 14:27 and John 20:26. Where in your life do you need Jesus to give you peace this week?
2. Read John 20:30-31. John says his Gospel was "written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God." Who in your life needs to believe in Jesus and find life in his name?
3. Read John 10:10 and John 20:30-31. Jesus wants us to have life in his name and have it abundantly! After reading both passages what do you think it means to have life through Jesus? What would it look like for you to live an abundant life this week?

## **PRAYER (10 MINUTES)**

Dear heavenly Father, thank you so much for sending Jesus to come and die for us so that we may have peace in you. Thank you that we can bring our questions and doubts to you. We celebrate that you are the answer to our questions. When we experience hopelessness, you are the way. When we don't know what is right you are the truth. When we feel worn out, Jesus you are the resurrection and the life. Thank you that you want to give us not just life but life more abundantly. Help us this week to live this out as we interact with others. May we be transformed like Thomas and be instruments of your reconciliation. In your wonderful name, we pray. Amen.