

CRISIS OF FAITH STUDY GUIDE

WEEK 1: ISN'T FAITH IRRATIONAL?

Primary Passage: John 20:1-29

Related Passages: Luke 1:1-4, Matthew 28:1-10, Jude 1:20-23

"It is not as a child that I believe and confess Jesus Christ. My hosanna is born of a furnace of doubt."

-Fyodor Dostoyevski

"Faith certainly tells us what the senses do not, but not the contrary of what they see; it is above, not against them."

-Blaise Pascal

LifeGroup Study Guide:

Crisis of faith moments are times in our lives where we are forced to reevaluate our beliefs and reconsider decisions and commitments we've made. What are some defining moments that have shaped your beliefs and decision to follow Jesus?

What are common types of things that you see leading people in our culture to crisis of faith moments?

Read John 20:1-29. From the sermon or your own study, why would it be hard for Mary and Thomas as first century Jews to believe Jesus had resurrected?

- Looking at Jesus' interaction with Mary and Thomas, how does he approach and respond to them in the midst of their confusion?
- Jesus lovingly engages Mary and Thomas, giving them proof and calling Mary by name. How have you seen Jesus respond to you in a similar way when you are struggling with your faith?

Read Jude 1:20-23. We all have seasons where we reconsider what we believe; seasons of doubt and confusion. How can we as a LifeGroup walk through our crisis of faith moments together and be 'merciful to those who doubt'? How do you need our group to walk with you?

Pray that we as a church family would grow together through doubts and that we would trust God with our crisis of faith moments.