

Faith Needing Assistance - John 20:19-31

I want to encourage you to start reading from the beginning of this chapter. I want us to see the flow of events and how they all build on each other.

- 1. You could break this chapter down into three major sections/stories. (though if you would break it down a different way, that's great too! Be sure to share where you'd mark the different sections and why) What <u>similarities</u> do you see between the stories? What are their <u>differences</u>?
- 2. Taking each story one at a time, what does the text show us about humanity? What does it show us about Jesus?
- 3. Have you ever had a personal and/or mystical experience with Christ?

- 4. In the sermon, we learned this isn't a story of Thomas' faithlessness, but a story about Jesus' faithfulness. Where do you see the faithfulness of Jesus in this chapter? More broadly, how do the Scriptures show Jesus' faithfulness regarding his resurrection and post-resurrection appearances?
- 5. Can you recall a time where Jesus showed his faithfulness to you like he did to Thomas?
- 6. The end goal of this story is not proof that leads to certainty, but belief that leads to life. Reflect on the difference between these two ideas. Do you think we often are looking for certainty when it comes to our faith?
  - 7. We ended the sermon with the idea, "Bring to Jesus whatever faith you have, and allow him to bring the increase." What might this look like for you?

