



I DOUBT IT...

WEEK 4 DISCUSSION GUIDE

Introduction:

This week, we continue our series “I Doubt It...”. No matter what our story is, we have each experienced doubt on some level. We might experience doubt that a waiter is going to get our order right, that our team is going to win their division, that we made the right decision, or that someone is being truthful with us. Doubt can occur in any area or relationship in our life. One aspect of our relationship with God that we might doubt is how he handles our unbelief.

Scripture:

“What do you mean, ‘If I can’?” Jesus asked. “Anything is possible if a person believes.” -Mark 9:23

“Dear woman, why are you crying?” Jesus asked her. “Who are you looking for?” She thought he was the gardener. “Sir,” she said, “if you have taken him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will go and get him.” “Mary!” Jesus said. She turned to him and cried out, “Rabboni!” (which is Hebrew for “Teacher”). -John 20:15-16

Discussion Questions:

1. When was the last time someone called you by your full name?
2. Now think about how you feel when someone close to you calls you by the name you actually go by or even a nickname. On the surface, both of these situations look the same: you are being called by name, but they are really very different. Why? How do you feel in each situation?
3. In John 20, Mary is uncertain and afraid, but Jesus knows her & calls her by name. Why do you think we see such a shift in Mary’s demeanor after Jesus says her name?
4. John 10 tells us that Jesus knows his followers & calls them by name. Do you think that Jesus calling us by name can or should affect us like it did Mary?
5. How might you carry yourself or view yourself differently if you believed and remembered that Jesus, the Son of God, the Creator, knows you & calls you by name?

Take the Next Step:

What could you do this week to help remind yourself of how Jesus feels about you? Could you leave yourself a reminder on your mirror or dashboard? How would life be different if you started each day knowing that Jesus knows you, loves you, and calls you by name? Try it & see.