

*Luke 24:38-45*

1. Decide that doubt is not a dead end.
2. An encounter with Jesus builds up our faith and breaks down our doubts.  
*Luke 24:32, Luke 24:46-48 (NIV), 1 Cor. 15:14 (NIV), John 20:31*
3. Connecting in the Body of Christ with the story of Christ carries our doubts into the light of Christ.  
*Ephesians 1:23, Ephesians 1:16-20*

Prayer for overcoming doubt:

Pray for spiritual wisdom and insight so that we might grow in the knowledge of God.

Pray that our hearts would be flooded with light to understand the confident hope we have been given.

Pray that we will understand the incredible greatness of God’s power for all who believe.

*\*All scriptures are from the NLT unless otherwise noted.*

## Small Group Outline & Discussion Questions

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### Celebrate and Care:

Have each person share a high and low from this past week.

### Review:

An encounter with Jesus builds up our faith and breaks down our doubt. Faith is not the absence of doubts and questions, it’s trusting God in the presence of doubts and questions.

### Open Up:

After the walk on the road to Emmaus, the disciples said their “hearts burned within them.” Have you ever experienced the presence of God where your heart burned within you?

### Discuss:

*Choose one or two questions for your group to discuss as time allows.*

- ▶ What do you think the disciples were expecting rather than Jesus’ death?
- ▶ How can human expectations feed doubts?
- ▶ How do we keep doubts from being a dead end?
- ▶ How can we answer the questions about why there is evil in this world?
- ▶ Read 1 Corinthians 15:14 (NIV). What is the difference between belief THAT Jesus is our Savior, and placing faith IN Jesus as our Savior?

### Engage:

*Spend 1-2 minutes in silence with these questions then share your thoughts.*

What is the one area of doubt you want to bring to God?

Who can you share that with so you are not walking alone?

### Pray:

*Pray the prayers in the notes with your group this week.*

*Fill in the blank key: dead, end; builds, breaks; body, story, light*