

# LIFE GROUP GUIDE

The Gospel of John

John 20:24-29



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## SCRIPTURE:

John 20:24-29

**SERMON NOTES: (A manuscript is not available this week)**

## LOOK BACK

- How was your week? What is one thing you're grateful for and one thing that challenged you?
- How did you GROW in obedience to Christ over the last week?
- Where did you GO to share the gospel or have a spiritual conversation with someone?

## BUILD UP

- **REVIEW:**
  - Read John 20:24-29 and then have someone else in the group read it again, preferably from a different version.
  - What big takeaways did you have from the teaching?
  - Additional Scripture:
    - James 1:6
    - Romans 8:26-27
    - Hebrews 11:1, 11:6
    - 2 Corinthians 5:7
    - 1 John 5:13
    - Mark 9:14-24
- **REFLECT:**
  - Why do you think Thomas doubted that Jesus was alive?
  - How does Jesus respond to Thomas' doubt?
  - What did Thomas declare upon seeing and hearing Jesus?
  - What was Jesus' response to Thomas? What does that mean for us?
  - What doubts have you had about Jesus?
  - What helped you to believe in Jesus?

- **RESPOND:**

- How does Jesus' reaction to Thomas provide a model for how we should react to non-believers?
- What conditions have you placed on faith, obedience, and following Jesus?
- What can you do to counter the doubts you have about Jesus or your faith?

- **MEDITATE:**

- John 20:27-28 - *27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." 28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"*

- **MEMORIZE:**

- 1 Peter 1:8-9 - *8 Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, 9 obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.*

**SEND OUT**

- **GROW:** How will you abide in Christ this week and grow in your love and understanding of Him?

- **GO:** Who in your sphere of influence needs to hear this story or the gospel?

- **PRAYER:**

- Pray over any request from your group members.
- Worship Ministry Assistant - **Ashley Horvath**
- Ministry - **Journey Worship Co.**
- **Pray for our long-term families on the field:**
  - The Wilsons
  - The Grays
  - The Starks
- **Pray for our mid-term sent ones on the field:**
  - Kaesi
- **Pray for the lost - Unreached People Group (UPG):** Sila in Vietnam



- **Population in country:** 900
- **Global population:** 4,300
- **Christian Adherent:** 3.00%
- **Evangelical:** 1.90%
- **Primary Religion:** Ethnic Religions
- **Primary Language:** Sila
- **Summary:** The Sila are a Tibeto-Burman people who live in Vietnam. They migrated from south China and are part of the Lolo linguistic groups. They practice an ethnic religion combined with animism and ancestor worship. Most farm and hunt for their food supply and they struggle with malnutrition and diseases such as malaria.
- **Prayer Focus:** Ask the Lord to send Christian medical workers to labor among the Sila and soften the people's hearts. Ask God to strengthen, multiply and protect the small number of Sila Christians and for government leaders to be open to allowing foreign workers. Ask the Lord to establish a Sila church that will multiply. Pray the Sila people would soon turn away from worshiping the dead to worshiping the living Christ.
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