

# DO NOT DISBELIEVE, BUT BELIEVE

John 20:24-31 // January 23, 2022

## DOUBT OR UNWILLINGNESS

Thomas demands proof. He wants personal and concrete evidence. Not just words of his trusted disciples, but he wants physical evidence that he can touch.

## COMPASSIONATE COMMAND

Jesus didn't shame Thomas for his unbelief, but instead offers a kind, compassionate response in proving his resurrection. Thomas had a weak area. He struggled with his faith and Jesus. And fueled by love Jesus met Thomas in his weakness.

Even though he extends mercy and grace, Jesus still commands Thomas with a gentle rebuke.

**"The whole conversation was indeed a rebuke, but so veiled with love that Thomas could scarcely think so."**

-Charles Spurgeon

Luke 24:38-39 // Luke 19:10 // John 3:17 // Mark 9:24

## DECLARATION OF FAITH

Thomas declares that Jesus is Lord! This isn't a quiet confession in the back corner of the room. And he's not just blurting this out to others. But he's saying it to Jesus. He is looking right at the Son of God and declaring it!

Romans 10:9-10 // 1 Peter 1:8-9

## HE CAME TO BRING LIFE

John wants to establish the faith of Christians. He wrote this so that we may believe! To believe that Christ is Lord! And by believing this, the Word says that we are blessed with the gift of eternal life!

1 John 5:13 // John 11:25-27 // Revelation 4:11 // John 1:12-13



## NOTES:

### Announcements:

Year-end Giving Statements will be emailed out by the end of the month. If you would prefer to receive a mailed copy please contact Sherry Henry: sherry@lifemission.tv

### This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

#### **1 Peter 5:10**

And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.

## ARE YOU NEW HERE?

### WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

### WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at [amber@lifemission.tv](mailto:amber@lifemission.tv)**

### JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at [tyler@lifemission.tv](mailto:tyler@lifemission.tv)**.



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## COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **John 20:24-31**. What stands out in this passage, and what stuck out to you most from the sermon on Sunday?

Thomas struggled with believing what Jesus said would happen was really happening. His demand for physical proof of Jesus's resurrection did not have to be answered. However, in His mercy, Jesus compassionately answers Thomas's doubts and rebukes him, telling him to believe. In what ways do you struggle with unbelief? How can the truths and promises in God's word give you the "proof" that you need to trust fully in his goodness and plan for your life?

### Your Life Mission

What relationships or conversations are upcoming that you could use prayer for?

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love.

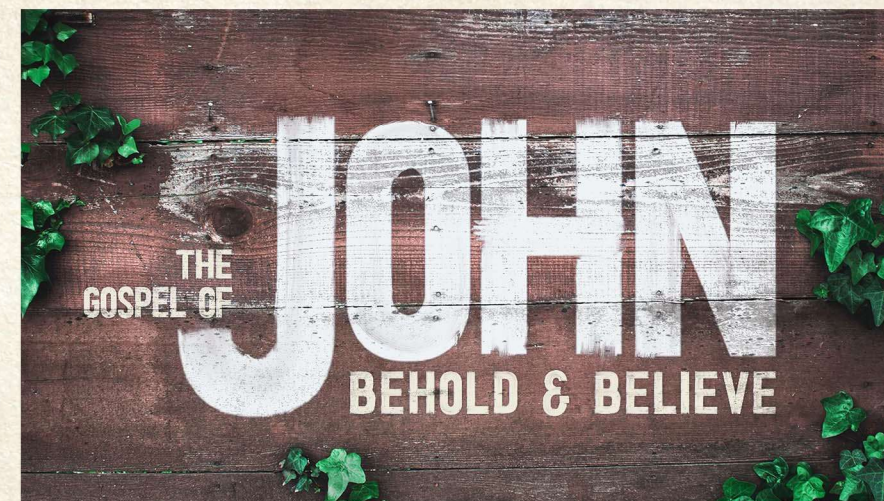
- **Preaching the Gospel to Yourself** (Matthew 6.9, 10)
  - Always begin your time of prayer focusing on God's goodness, who He is, and what He has done for us. Pray truths from this week's text.
- **Repent and Confess** (Matthew 6.12)
  - Real repentance begins where blame-shifting stops. Your circumstances don't need to change, your heart needs to change. Confess any particular sin that prevents you from walking out what God calls us to in the text, or any other particular sin you are wanting to fight. Ask Him to help you have strength to repent and run towards Him.
- **Ask for Provision** (Matthew 6.11-13)
  - Ask God for new perspective and for the things that you need. Once our hearts are fixed on Him, we can ask Him to help us with our needs. When your heart is begin filled with the Gospel first, your asking will be far more in line with God's desires and will. Ask Him to work in the relationships in your life that you are hoping to share God's love with.
- **Yield with Thanksgiving** (Matthew 6.10)
  - End your prayer by giving God thanks for His faithfulness and ask Him to help you trust and yield to His work and ways.



# LIFE MISSION

## CHURCH

MAKING DISCIPLES WHO MAKE DISCIPLES LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY,  
WHO ARE SAVED, EQUIPPED, AND SENT BY THE GOSPEL.



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### SUNDAYS AT 10AM

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