



Questions from the Seats - Andrea DeCook

Icebreaker:

1. If you could invent a holiday, what would you celebrate?
2. What is the biggest thing you ever built with a Lego?

Summary:

Doubt is a part of our faith journey. Sometimes, we will never have certainty, but faith looks like moving forward while still holding on to doubts. Questions: Is God real? Is Jesus real? How do we know Jesus did what he says he did? Why is Christianity the one right religion?

Engage the Bible:

- John 20
- Mark 9
- Psalm 34:8

Small Group Questions:

- When have you faced a season of uncertainty where you had to step forward without having all the answers? How did you experience God in that moment?
- We looked at Thomas (John 20) and the desperate father (Mark 9). What do these stories teach us about how Jesus responds to people in doubt? How does that challenge or encourage the way you've thought about your own doubts?
- Psalm 34:8 says, "Taste and see that the Lord is good." Where in your life have you "tasted" or experienced God's presence—through beauty, Scripture, community, or prayer? If you haven't had that experience, what questions or barriers come up for you?
- We talked about the "criterion of embarrassment" and how the Gospel writers didn't clean up the story. How does the honesty of Scripture (about the disciples' failures, women at the resurrection, Jesus' own humanity) affect your trust in the gospel story?
- How does this picture change the way you understand Christianity compared to other religions or philosophies? What difference does it make in how you live out your faith?