

We Have Issues, God Has Answers: Doubt
Sermon # 3, Matthew 11:1-6

Main Point: *The opponent of doubt can be knocked out by facts about God and faith in God.*

Getting to Know You

1. Would you describe yourself as a person who is gullible, skeptical, or somewhere in between? Share a story about yourself to illustrate your answer and help the group get to know you better.

Getting into the Book: Matthew 11:1-6

2. Name some facts you know about John the Baptist. What makes John's doubts surprising? Why do you think John needed confirmation from Jesus?
3. What are some causes of doubt in the life of a believer?
4. How did Satan use doubt to tempt Adam and Eve? (Genesis 3:1) How is Satan using this same tactic today?

Getting Out There

5. This message taught that there are three punches to knock out doubt: facts, faith, friends.
 - a. What facts did Jesus present to reassure John? (cross reference Isaiah 61:1)
 - i. What facts about Jesus have helped knock out doubt in your life?
 - ii. What role does the Bible play in knocking out doubt?
 - b. Why do you think Jesus didn't give John a direct 'yes' or 'no' answer?
 - i. What does Jesus say about those who trust in Him fully? (Matthew 11:6)
 - ii. How can you express your faith in Christ even in the midst of doubts?
 - c. In what ways can Christian friends help you knock out doubt in your life?
6. Have you ever experienced, or are you experiencing, doubt? What do you think has caused this doubt? How can you knock it out of your life?
7. What do you think of this quote, "First, doubt your doubts before you doubt your faith"?
8. Read Jude 1:24-25. How can God help you through your doubts?

Memory verse

Psalm 119:130 "The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple."

Pray

Praise God for the confidence you can have in Him. Thank Him that He will keep you from being defeated by doubt. Ask Him to help you knock out doubt in your life.