

Make-up for Session 4 – Doubt

Task #1: For the following ten statements, you should decide whether you believe it, you are unsure, or you have doubts about the statement.

- Statement 1: Humanity is fundamentally good.
- Statement 2: The world would be a better place if humanity followed Jesus's teachings more closely.
- Statement 3: There is a God.
- Statement 4: God is loving.
- Statement 5: God created the Universe, all things seen and unseen.
- Statement 6: There is an afterlife.
- Statement 7: Jesus is the Son of God.
- Statement 8: God hears us when we pray.
- Statement 9: God is responsive to people's prayers.
- Statement 10: God is present even if I cannot feel him.

Task #2 – Read John 20:24-29 – This is the story of Doubting Thomas.

In this story, there are three types of people referred to in the story.

- 1) The Disciples represent the people who have had an experience of Jesus already. They have great confidence in Jesus and hope Thomas and others can come to believe through their words.
- 2) Thomas represents the people who are waiting for a concrete reason to believe. They need to have an experience to believe. They stay friends with those who are excited and have had the experience, but they do not have the same excitement of believe because they did not have an experience.
- 3) Jesus describes the third group. This group are those that have not had an experience, but they still are believers. For them, they do not need the concrete reason to believe.

Which of these groups do you relate to the most and why? A) the group who is excited about their faith, B) those who are waiting for something concrete, or C) those who have not seen, but still believe.

Task #3 – Think of 1-2 questions you have about the Catholic Church, your faith, or Jesus. Write the questions down and we will try to answer them at a future session.

You must complete all three tasks in order to get the makeup credit. Please send in a pdf or Word Document to rhernandez@holyfamily.org when complete.