

Investigating the Case for Christ
The Case For Christ – Part 2
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"I won't believe it unless I see the nail wounds in his hands, put my fingers into them, and place my hand into the wound in his side." John 20:25b

1. Acknowledge My Doubts.

"How long has this been happening?" Jesus asked the boy's father. He replied, 'Since he was a little boy...Have mercy on us and help us, if you can.' Mark 9:21-22

"When they saw him, they worshiped him—but some of them doubted!" Matthew 28:17

2. Let Jesus Meet Me Where I'm At.

"What do you mean, 'If I can?'" Jesus asked. 'Anything is possible if a person believes.'" Mark 9:23

"There was a man named Nicodemus, a Jewish religious leader who was a Pharisee. After dark one evening, he came to speak with Jesus." John 3:1-2a

3. Go With The Faith I Have.

"The father instantly cried out, 'I do believe, but help me overcome my unbelief!'" Mark 9:24

"If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me." Jeremiah 29:13

• **Believe + Receive = Become**

"Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here, and look at my hands. Put your hand into the wound in my side. Don't be faithless any longer. Believe!'" John 20:27

Next Step: I will "Go" with the faith I have and take my Next Step in my faith journey with Jesus.

Life Group Discussion Questions:

1. Looking back at your notes from *Investigating The Case For Christ*, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

When, if ever, does doubt occur in your life and faith? Is there anything specific you've typically done to deal with it? (See Psalm 10:1-3, 16-18; Psalm 94:16-19)

2. Jesus wants to use the Scriptures to teach us more about Himself and God The Father. But we need to be active participants in exploring the Bible. Which of the following ways of exploring the Bible have you tried? (1) Reading a daily devotional book (like *Daily Bread*); (2) Scripture memorization; (3) Listening to the Bible; (4) Reading passages picked at random; (5) Bible study course (i.e. *Life Transformation Discipleship*); (6) Reading a One Year Bible; (7) Life Group Questions; (8) Other.

What was your experience with the methods you've tried? Which has been the most helpful?

3. In the Old Testament, three of Daniel's friends were faced with the kind of situation that could easily have caused them to doubt God and His plan. What do you learn about faith from their experience in Daniel 3:16-28?

How can you develop the same kind of faith as these three guys?

4. Often it's during times of hardship and challenge that we are most tempted to doubt God's plan. But the Bible teaches that hardships can play an important role in developing our faith. How do the following passages help you understand hardship's role and the attitude God wants us to have toward it? Romans 5:3-5, James 1:2-4, Romans 8:28-30.

How do these passages challenge you? How do they encourage you?

5. What do you see in the following verses from Psalm 119 that could help motivate you to spend more time interacting with God's word? Psalm 119:9-11, Psalm 119:24, Psalm 119:98-100, Psalm 119:105, Psalm 119:165

Which of these benefits of interacting with and obeying the Bible is most motivational to you?