

Creekside Community Church
Return of the King: The Gospel of Matthew
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Dealing with Doubt: Matthew 11:1-30

1. Disclose your doubts (11:1-15)

2. Dissect your doubts (11:16-24)

3. Doubt your own wisdom (11:25-30)

For further thought and discussion:

Getting Started

1. Have you ever gone through a season of doubt in your life? What did you doubt? What helped you most during this season?

Going Deeper

2. Why does John the Baptist doubt that Jesus is the Messiah? How does Jesus' response to John both affirm (vv. 4-5, 7-11, 14) and challenge (vv. 6, 11, 12-13) him? How does this passage encourage and challenge you? Why is it important that we disclose our doubts to God and others? Who has most helped you process your own doubts?
3. To what does Jesus compare his generation (vv. 16-19)? What's the point of this comparison? What is Jesus' saying about the people's rejection? What motivates the people to doubt Jesus? Why will Jesus' generation incur greater judgment (vv. 20-24)?
4. Why does Jesus praise God (v. 25)? Is Jesus commending an anti-intellectual approach to life? If not, what's he saying? According to Jesus, what keeps us from coming to him? What does Jesus promise to those who come to him (11:28-30)?

Application:

5. What's the danger of denying doubt? How can this negatively impact our faith? What's the danger of glorifying doubt (see James 1:6)? How can this negatively impact our faith? Are you more prone to suppress your doubts, or to become obsessed with them?
6. When faced with a doubt, why is it critical that we don't just seek answers, but also question our questioning? Why must we dissect our doubts? When faced with a doubt, what questions have you found most helpful to ask yourself?
7. What's one thing you can apply this week from this passage?