

A Crisis of Faith

Matthew 11:1-19

Sermon Discussion Questions

March 26, 2023

1. What are some of the things that you have “stumbled over” in your walk with Jesus? How can you finish the sentence “I believe in God, but ...” like the LDF participants did in the video leading up to the sermon?
2. In what ways is Jesus himself or Jesus’ plan for your life been confusing or not what you were expecting?
3. How often do you find yourself waiting on the Lord’s answer, like John in this passage? What types of things do you seek him on or what are you currently asking him about? In what ways is this more challenging than using information that you have to make your own decision in human wisdom?
4. Has there been a time in your life when you did not suffer well? Have you been tempted to abandon God because of sufferings in your life? What wisdom did you gain from this experience and how can you pass that on to others?
5. In the middle of your crisis of faith, have you ever rejoiced because your suffering was not in vain? What was your hope when you went through the tunnel of darkness? During seasons of suffering, what kind of encouragement has helped you most?
6. How does hearing about John’s crisis of faith make you feel? Has anyone you have ever looked up to had a crisis of faith? How has this affected your faith?
7. Have you taken encouragement from the fruit of your ministry? Remember that all Christians have a ministry in their service of Christ. Have you seen people you have prayed for come to Christ or seen how gifts you have given have blessed others? How does this encourage you and how could it encourage others?
8. Are you ready to follow God’s call even through suffering? How can John’s and Jesus’ lives and deaths encourage you as you follow God?