

Doubting God

When Christians Let You Down

TALK IT OVER

Key Scriptures

“What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs—beautiful on the outside but filled on the inside with dead people’s bones and all sorts of impurity. Outwardly you look like righteous people, but inwardly your hearts are filled with hypocrisy and lawlessness.”

Matthew 23:27-28 NLT

“You snakes! You brood of vipers! How will you escape being condemned to hell?”

Matthew 23:33 NIV

“They claim to know God, but by their actions they deny him ...” Titus 1:16 NIV

“For someone who lives on milk is still an infant and doesn’t know how to do what is right. Solid food is for those who are mature, who through training have the skill to recognize the difference between right and wrong.” Hebrews 5:13-14 NLT

“For he knows how weak we are; he remembers we are only dust.” Psalm 103:14 NLT

“The word of the Lord spread through the whole region. But the Jewish leaders incited the God-fearing women of high standing and the leading men of the city. They stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their region.” Acts 13:49-50 NIV

“So they shook the dust off their feet as a warning to them and went to Iconium. And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.” Acts 13:51-52 NIV

Find this in the Life.Church app.

Open the app, choose this message, then tap “Talk It Over.”

Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- Talk about a time a brand or restaurant let you down. Would you give it a second chance? Why or why not?

Start thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Which part of this message was most impactful for you and why?
- Read **Psalm 103:14**. What might change about your response to people who let you down if you remembered they were only dust?
- Are there any areas in your life where you’re being hypocritical or judgmental? How could embracing God’s grace help you have a more loving response?

Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- Have you been disappointed by church or other Christians? If so, share what you learned from that experience. How can you take a step toward healing?
- Share about a time you let someone else down. What did you learn from that experience? Then, spend time as a LifeGroup talking about ways you can model Christ’s love in your daily lives.

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

“Father, thank You for Your unlimited grace. Help us receive Your grace and extend it to others, even when we’ve been hurt or disappointed. Show us if there are any hypocritical or judgmental behaviors we need to change, and guide us as we seek to represent Your love to others. In Jesus’ name, amen.”

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Watch the *You’ve Heard It Said* miniseries, *Permission to Doubt*, to hear stories from people who have walked through doubt: www.go2.lc/YHSdoubt
- Start the *Doubting God* Bible Plan using Plans With Friends: www.go2.lc/doubtingGod
- Consider how you could love others by serving on the weekend or with a Local Mission Partner.