

CONVERSATION STARTERS

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This is a guide to help start a conversation about this week's message. Feel free to pick, choose, re-order and adapt as you see fit. You know your group best and can facilitate their experience by modifying as necessary.

ICE-BREAKER

1. What's the first thing that comes to mind when you hear the word "doubt?" Do you tend to associate this word with positive emotions or negative emotions? How do you think your upbringing (with family, teachers, pastors, friends, etc.) shaped your perspective on doubt?

REVIEW

1. You may want to watch this week's message with your group as a refresher. Or, try picking a spot with 10-15 minutes to go to review the main application(s). Messages are found at southridgechurch.ca/messages.
2. Feel free to try one or two of these. What did you hear in this week's message? What ideas stood out? What did you agree with? Disagree with? What questions came to mind? How did it make you feel?

REFLECT

1. Read this week's passage from [Matthew 28:11-17](#) together as a group. What catches your attention about this part of the resurrection story? Can you recall or have you ever witnessed or experienced a "cover up" story? What in this passage feels similar to that situation? What feels different?
2. In this week's message, we heard some reasons for why it could be reasonable to confess faith in the resurrection. Which of these reasons do you find most compelling? Which would you challenge?
3. What do you think makes this part of Jesus' story so significant to everything it means for faith in and followership of him? How does this effect your own faith in and followership of Jesus?

RESPOND

1. Share some of the doubts you've felt or experienced as it relates to Jesus. In this conversation, it will be most effective for the leader to share some of their own doubts to create safety. What's common among the group? What's unique to different people's experiences? How can you encourage one another to continue processing and wrestling through our own mixtures of doubt and faith?
2. As was encouraged in this week's program, we believe that confessing our faith has value in shaping our faith, helping us continually navigate doubts, questions and convictions. This week's practice is to confess the Christian faith in one of two ways, by either listening to the song [This I Believe by Hillsong Worship](#) and/or by reading what's known as [The Apostle's Creed](#). Encourage your group to try this personally this week, and/or if it feels appropriate, try listening and/or reciting together as a group.



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