



Leading People into a Growing
Relationship with Jesus Christ!

Antioch CELEBRATION Message: "Letting Go of Doubt"

Sermon Series: "Letting Go"

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LEARN about each other!

When you have a major concern, how would you describe your general reaction?

I don't take it
seriously enough

I take it as it
comes

I take it a little
too seriously

LEARN to Let Go of Doubt

Pastor John said, "Even people of great faith, even people who follow Jesus wrestle with doubt." How does this statement make you feel?

Pastor John gave us several reasons why people doubt God or Jesus. Some doubt because of personal circumstances, others because we question what God is doing, and others because we simply want to doubt. What has been your experience (past or present)?

Pastor John gave us some important ways to process doubt:

Express your doubts honestly. What's the difference between doubting God and accusing God?

Earnestly seek answers. Why does God want us to ask hard questions?

Examine the Evidence critically. Pastor John suggested that the evidence for Jesus' existence, claims, and credentials is overwhelming.

- Two questions:
- 1) What do YOU believe about Jesus?
 - 2) How did you come to that belief?

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One other important way to process doubt is to: **Connect with other believers regularly.** Why is it important to process your doubts with other people?

Information is not enough—the Holy Spirit wants us to go from LEARNING to LIVING! From INFORMATION to TRANSFORMATION! Why is personal testimony such powerful evidence for Jesus?

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Jesus said to his disciples the night before he was crucified:

“So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.”
John 13:34–35 (NLT)

The world has doubts about Jesus and His kindness. What responsibility do Christians (the church) have to display what Jesus is really like?

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When someone comes to you with doubts about God or Jesus, how can we give a “truth in love” response?

Realize that believers will ALWAYS have unanswered questions about God. God is infinite, Christians aren't, and often the wonder and awe of a big question about God is exactly what keeps us responding to Him in faith!

Pray!

Thank God for what you know about Him, and ask Him to reveal answers to your big questions about Him—or leading you to a bigger, better question.