

# ANNOUNOUNS



## Bout with Doubt

**Scripture:** John 20:24-29

*haguero* = He is Risen

What does the declaration *haguero* mean to us?

- 1 Corinthians 15:17
- 1 Peter 1:3
  - We have \_\_\_\_\_
  - We don't \_\_\_\_\_ as people without \_\_\_\_\_.

3 different kinds of believers:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
  - You \_\_\_\_\_ in God, but you don't let the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ life.
2. \_\_\_\_\_
  - If it \_\_\_\_\_ you, then you are a \_\_\_\_\_.
3. \_\_\_\_\_
  - My life \_\_\_\_\_ becomes to \_\_\_\_\_ Him and to \_\_\_\_\_ him \_\_\_\_\_.

The road to becoming a committed believer:

- often starts with \_\_\_\_\_.
  - John 20:25
- We are led through a spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ phase.
  - John 20:27
- Results in a \_\_\_\_\_ that can't be \_\_\_\_\_.
  - John 20:28

Thomas' belief was committed enough to \_\_\_\_\_ for Jesus.

Is your belief committed enough to \_\_\_\_\_ for Him?

**Start talking.**

- Have you ever gone to your room and locked the door? Why?
- What would you do if there were “network difficulties” and you missed the last two minutes of “the Big Game”?

**Start thinking.**

- Why are the disciples fearful?
- Of all the things that Jesus must have said, why does John record “peace be with you” three times? How does this relate to their fears? To their being sent?
- How does Thomas’ personality compare to Mary’s (v13)? To the other disciples (v9, 19)? What conversations must have taken place between verses 23 & 24?
- How does Jesus deal with Thomas’ doubt? What is significant about the way that Thomas responds?

**Start sharing.**

- Where could you use Jesus’ “peace” right now? In a relationship? In your work?
- What doubts or questions about God are you struggling with? What have you found helpful in dealing with doubts? What has convinced you of who Jesus is?

**Start praying.** *Be bold and pray with power.*

*God, help me in moments of fear, unbelief, and doubt. Help me to work through my doubts and turn them into unwavering belief. May your Spirit work in my life to move me to complete commitment.*

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

- Pray daily for God to reveal Himself to you and one other person you choose to pray for.
- Pray for God to meet you at your doubt and to turn it into belief.
- Pray for God’s filling in your life and ask God to overflow His abundant love to those you encounter.