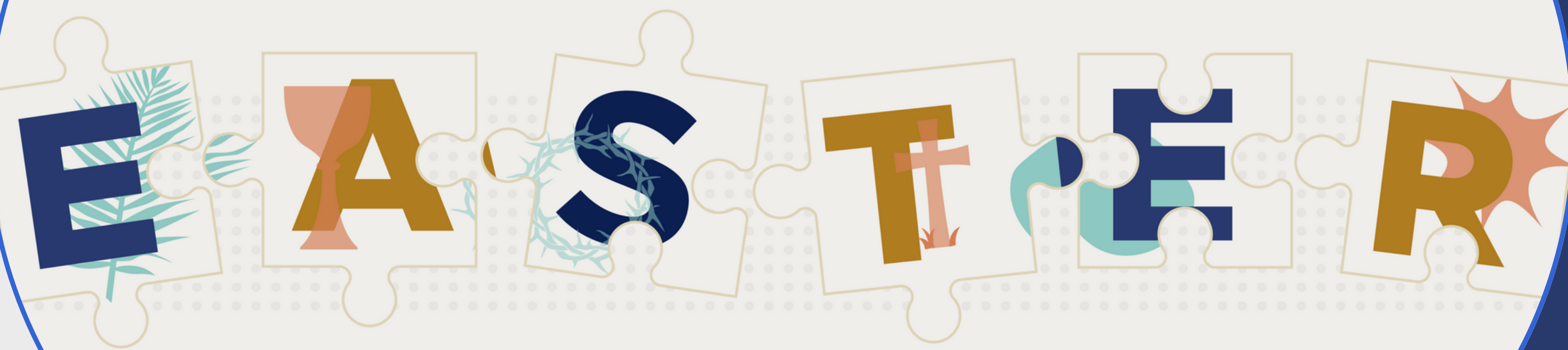


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sermon discussion guide week 2

1.

What do you doubt about Jesus? Or what doubts have you "grown through" like Pastor Kyle says?

2.

What do you think of this quote: "God is not distant in your doubts?"

3.

Do you have a safe place where you can process your doubts? If not, where do you think you could find that?

"Thomas was a realist. He had sincere and complicated questions." - Pastor Kyle

focus verse

26 A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"
27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."
28 Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

Jn 20:26-28

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PAUSE + PONDER

When you read Thomas's words below what goes through your mind?

25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

Jn 20:25.

Read John 20:29 and 1 Peter 1:8-9:

8 Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, 9 obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Why do you think Jesus gave Thomas exactly what he needed to believe? Do you think he does that for everyone?

What is the promise for those who believe without seeing?

What would God have to show you for you to never doubt again?

