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## Restoration and Doubt

John 20:24-29

*We all bring our lived experiences with us into faith, and we all have our list of \_\_\_\_\_ (conscious or unconscious) which we think must be met for us to begin the journey. And we all ultimately learn that faith does not work that way.*

**Discussion 1. What objections to Christianity did you have before you began following Christ? Did you have any conditions you expected God or the church to meet before you would “become a Christian”? If so, what happened to them?**

*Jesus is unfazed by our doubts and struggles to believe. He is adept at meeting those \_\_\_\_\_ and that \_\_\_\_\_. Changing unbelief to life-altering belief is his thing. It is what he does.*

**Discussion 2. Describe a radical change you have witnessed or experienced from unbelief to belief. In your opinion, what was the key element that brought about the change?**

*When my spiritual restoration creates movement in my understanding of God so that it is growing deeper and wider as time goes on, it reminds me that my faith is \_\_\_\_\_. A lack of any such movement is cause for concern.*

**Discussion 3. Think about your understanding of God when you first began following Christ compared to your understanding of God now. How has it changed? What kinds of spiritual disciplines help create that growth and change for you?**

*Spiritual restoration comes to those who, though they have never seen Jesus, by faith \_\_\_\_\_ in him, trust in him, and choose to follow him all the days of their lives. This is the good news.*

**Discussion 4. We do not see Jesus but we do have the work of the Holy Spirit in and around us. The disciples chose to follow Jesus by seeing him but without the spirit to inform that decision. Who do you think has/had an advantage: them or us? Why?**