



A LIFE WORTH LIVING

Family Devotional/Adult & Teen Discussion Guide

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1. PRIMARY STATEMENT: Jesus came to make life better - not just in eternity, but in this season of living on earth. That difference that He brings is more than theory or philosophy - it's a real-world, observable change that lifts every part of life.

2. DISCUSSION

John 10:10 [ESV]

"I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."

Jesus' famous words still ring true today. There's a level of living that can only exist when the Holy Spirit is regenerating us from the inside out. It's that change - the kind that people can see - that gives credibility to our story when we share with others.

Q. What are some visible changes that happen in people when they surrender their lives to God?

Q. What's an example of a behavior or way of life that's different in you because of the Holy Spirit's influence?

3. CHALLENGE



Psalm 42:1-2 [ESV] *"As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God."*

Have you ever had a craving for something, but didn't know exactly what it was that you were missing? Frustrating, for sure! You understand that the craving in your spirit is for God, but people who don't know God don't realize what they're missing. That's what's so exciting about sharing the gospel? Getting to see someone made spiritually whole when they first encounter God's abundant life!

Q. Think back to when you first gave your life to God. How would you describe the difference between the pre-God you, and the spiritually-whole you? Q. The people in your life who need God may not realize what it is they're missing. How would you explain the difference God can make in their life?



4. PRAYER FOCUS

Take a few minutes as a family: thank God for making your life abundantly better (be specific!). Ask the Holy Spirit to use you to share that experience with other people who need to experience the God-life.



“BELIEVE IT OR NOT”

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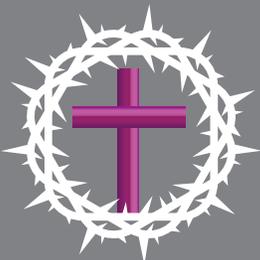
1. POWER VERSE: **Matthew 28:5-6** *“The angel said, ... ‘You are looking for Jesus... He isn’t here. He has been raised from the dead.’”*

Watts Up: “I Believe Jesus is ALIVE”

Thomas gets a bad rap. Most of us know him as “Doubting Thomas,” but he is not the only one to ever have doubts about Jesus. If we are honest, we all struggle with doubts from time to time. Sadly, we choose to hide our doubts because we are ashamed and think they make us less of a Christian.

2. BIBLE VERSE:

Instead, we should admit our doubts to God and ask Him to help us overcome them with faith. The truth is - even if we doubt Jesus rose from the dead, it doesn’t change the truth that He did!



Read: Luke 22-24
Q. How did Jesus die?
How long was he buried?
Q. What happened on the third day? What did the angel say?

John 20:24-29

Now Thomas... one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands... I will not believe.” 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!” 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.” Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!” Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”



3. DISCUSSION:

- Q. Who doubted that Jesus rose from the dead?
- Q. What did Thomas say when the disciples told him about Jesus?
- Q. When did Thomas finally choose to believe?
- Q. What did Jesus say about those who believe without seeing?

It’s okay to have doubts. Jesus doesn’t get angry when we doubt, but He does want us to admit our doubt and allow Him to help us overcome it and replace it with strong faith.



4. PRAYER FOCUS

Pray that God would help your children to leave their doubt behind and choose faith. Remind them that Jesus loves them even when they doubt, but He wants their lives to be full of faith so they can do amazing things for Him.