

Giving Up on God



To the leader:

Open your group in prayer, and remember that this is only a guide. Feel free to discuss each of the provided questions in the notes, or simply dive deeper into just one. Before you close with prayer, take a few minutes to look over the Three Essential Questions at the end of the page.

On Sunday, Pastor Nick launched a brand-new series called “Giving Up on God” by talking about doubt. The truth is that we all doubt at some point in our lives whether it’s a story we are told, a call in a sports game or our faith. Nothing causes us to battle with “giving up on God” more than when we begin to entertain doubt when it comes to our faith. While doubt can feel like a dead end, it can also be a doorway to deeper faith! We were encouraged to cling to “our people” and also to the person of Jesus.

*“What if instead of your doubts causing you to give up on God,
you gave up your doubts to God?”*

- ◆ What questions or doubts do you hear most expressed about faith?

Let’s review the points from the message Sunday:

1. Even if you’ve heard it before, you can experience doubt..
 - ◆ What relationship do you have with doubt when it comes to your faith?
 - ◆ In what way has doubt revealed itself in your life? (worry, impatience, insecurity, etc.)

2. Even through your doubting, stick with it and stay next to your people.

- ◆ Describe the value of godly community when it comes to doubt.
- ◆ In what way can you, as a group, strengthen your support and encouragement for one another and your faith?

3. Even though you’re doubting, Jesus offers His presence, peace and proof.

- ◆ Which ministry of Jesus do you feel like you need to lean on most (presence, peace, proof)?
- ◆ Describe a time where your faith in Jesus got you through a season of doubt.

4. Even though your doubts feel like a dead end, they can be a doorway to deeper faith.

- ◆ How do you see doubt as a doorway to deeper faith?

Now what?

We were encouraged to:

- ◆ Admit your doubt
- ◆ Ask for help
- ◆ Act in faith

In what way are you going to work this out starting this week?

Three Essential Questions

1. **What did you hear?** *What point in this message was most impactful for you?*
2. **What do you think?** *How did this message challenge, change or affirm your thinking?*
3. **What will you do?** *How will you or your group put into practice what you’ve learned today?*