

# TALK IT OVER

He Gets My Doubt

## BOTTOM LINE

Doubt is not necessarily a sign of unbelief.

## CONVERSATION STARTER

What is something most people believe that you do not? What commercial/ad do you find sketchy?

## THINGS TO CONSIDER

*What did you hear?*

*What do you think?*

*What will you do?*

## RESOURCES

- The Daily:  
[newpointe.org/thedaily](http://newpointe.org/thedaily)
- [Dealing with Your Doubt](#) by Craig Groeschel (30 min.)

## KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

*After Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and preach in the towns of Galilee. When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples to ask him, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?" Jesus replied, "Go back and report to John what you hear and see: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me." Matthew 11:1-6 NIV*

"Doubt is a matter of the mind – we don't understand what God is doing and why He is doing it."

"Unbelief is a matter of the will – it is refusing to believe God's Word and obey what He has asked." – Dwight Mason

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You have to believe something before you can doubt it. You have to be committed to it before you can begin to question it. That makes doubt the unique problem of the believer. Discuss. You can doubt and follow Jesus at the same time. How does that statement challenge your understanding of the relationship between faith and doubt? In what ways do you find it freeing? Talk about a time when circumstances weren't working out as you expected, and doubt entered the picture. How did you overcome your doubts? Two of the most common sources of doubt are difficult situations and unmet expectations. When you are tempted to doubt, what are the most likely prompts for you – these or something else? Underlying all doubt is the fact that we have limited perspective – the inability to see or understand how God is working. Remembering God's truth and trusting His character helps us forge the way through doubt. Jesus essentially says this person doesn't stumble or get offended at the way God handles His business. In what area does doubt most easily creep into your faith? What can you do this week to strengthen your faith by letting Jesus work without being offended or stumbling? How can we encourage and support each other as we work through our doubts?

## ACTION STEP

Doubt doesn't mean I am not a believer. I will focus on God's character and remember His truth. I will defeat doubt by \_\_\_\_\_

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