

# **Dare to Dance Again**

## ***Life's Better When We Dance Together***

*"Without doubt, there can be no faith." That's kind of an oxymoron, a paradox, a conundrum. There's something unsettling about having to live with the uncertainties of life, let alone the uncertainties of faith. "Faith is the confidence in what we hope for and the assurance about what we do not see," wrote the author of the book of Hebrews. But let's be honest, when it comes to "religion," it's not just a matter of not seeing ... it's a matter of not even getting much of a hint. That said, how can any of us really take all this hocus pocus seriously?*

John 20:19-31

1. The best place to be when you're afraid is with \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
2. Your experiences with Jesus are \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Doubt and skepticism aren't synonymous. Doubt seeks \_\_\_\_\_;  
Skepticism seeks \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Raytown Christian Church: Where \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
are welcome.

### ***My Count Me In! Commitment***

- I'll be "here" next Sunday
  - I'll invite a friend
  - I'll make a list of my major questions (doubts)
- I'll make a note of at least 3 questions I have this week and share them  
(Digging Deeper Devotions, Sermon, Bible Study, Personal Devotions)

### **Additional Notes**

# Digging Deeper

Week of April 11, 2021

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**Scripture:** John 20:19–31

**Introduction:** There is power in a group. When two or three are gathered together, there I am amongst you promises the Lord. Never mind that this phrase is taken completely out of context and applied to almost everything the church does, the fact remains that the Spirit stands as a mediator whenever and wherever we gather together. Since that's the case, why would we ever do anything alone?

1. Read John 20:19–23. Logic says that if the “authorities” are trying to hunt you down, it’s safer for all concerned to scatter rather than to gather. Why do you think the disciples came together as a group on that first Easter day?
2. Why do you think Jesus was intentional in showing his disciples his execution wounds?
3. “Where” was Jesus *sending* his disciples? (21)
4. Dr. Bill said that your experiences with Jesus are contagious – and they’re even more so in a group. Why do you think the power of story is heightened in group settings?
5. Read 20:24–29. Why do you think Thomas reserved his belief until he had proof of Jesus’ resurrection?
6. Why did Jesus let Thomas live with his doubt for a whole week before appearing to him and “proving” he was alive?
7. Doubt is the seedbed for faith. What doubts are you carrying? Where are you sharing and wrestling with those doubts?