

WORDS OF RESURRECTION

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Welcome & Announcements

*For the most up to date information and to stay connected to what's happening in the life of the church download and check out **the Church Center App** on a regular basis. There's also a new messaging feature that we can use to stay connected (think of like GroupMe but for our groups at church).*

Also, keep up to date by visiting www.newcitycincy.org/social

“Sing In” | Saturday, May 2nd 7p Youtube Livestream

Saturday, May 2nd would have been our annual Flying Pig Weekend Worship & “Pig Out” and although it's hardly much consolation, we're going to gather some of our church musicians and do a livestream “sing in” with songs from our repertoire (similar to what we did on Maundy Thursday). Hope you'll tune in, join us, and raise your voice! Go to: newcitycincy.org/youtube

Patience in the Pause | Saturday, May 9th 8p

(Women's Event hosted by the Missional Motherhood Team)

Calling ALL New City women, join us in this special evening of learning and fellowship hosted by our Missional Motherhood team. Please join us on Saturday evening, May 9th 8-9:30pm for a virtual time of encouragement as we hear Paige Reitano speak around the subject of “Patience in the Pause” Following Paige's talk, we'll automatically send you to smaller group to enjoy a time of reflection hosted by a discussion leader. We hope this adds a sweet time for some extra connection. Please RSVP so we can plan groups accordingly. Please RSVP on the Church Center App by Friday, May 8th at noon.

An Invitation to the Doubting

(John 20.19-31)

OPENER

How are you doing? (i.e. Rank your week 1-5, high-low, etc.)

STUDY/DISCUSSION

>> READ >> John 20.19-31

1. What stands out to you from this story? What is encouraging/challenging/provocative/confusing?
2. On Sunday Pastor Josh quoted Ernest Becker saying of death: “it’s the rumble of panic underneath everything” and likened our lives these days to having a rumble of panic under everything into which Jesus speaks the words of resurrection: “Peace be with you.” What area of panic or doubt or fear do you most need those words to sink into these days?
3. Thomas is often considered a bad example, given the nickname “doubting Thomas” as if that’s a bad thing. But what happens in this story to show us Thomas is *not* a “bad guy”? And how might doubt actually help us in our relationship with Jesus and growth in faith?
4. How do you think we should we respond to our own doubts according to this story?
5. How should we respond to and interact with those folks around us who might be doubting, within the church family or otherwise? That is, how does this story form us for mission?

PRAY

Take some time and pray together. Pray “conversationally.” Pray *for* each other and pray specifically for God to use our doubts as a means of growing us up in knowledge and faith.