

LET'S GET SKEPTICAL

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Skeptical of Fake

John 20:19-29

How do you know someone or something is genuine?

Four things God uses to develop a genuine faith:

1. Strength Training: _____

John 20:19-20 *On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.*

2. Instruction: _____

John 20:21-23 *Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." 22 And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."*

- From Scripture--
- From Sermons/Others--
- From Books--

3. Cardio: _____

John 20:24 *Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came.*

- Available to _____
- Available to _____

4. Gym-mates: _____

John 20:25-29 *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 and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, 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!" 27 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." 28 Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."*

Point:

Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!



1. What circumstance are you facing right now that could become a defining moment in your faith development?
2. If God uses defining circumstances to grow your faith in him, how might your response be different the next time life takes you by surprise?
3. Has a specific teaching of Scripture, a memory of a sermon, or the words of Jesus ever come back to you while in the middle of something or helped you go through a hard time?
4. How can you make yourself intentionally available to the opportunities God may be opening for you to grow your faith? What priorities might you need to adjust to create margin for God to work?
5. Looking back, are there people you feel God providentially brought into your life at crucial times? In your current relationships, into whose life may God have providentially brought you to impact?
6. What is one thing that has stood out to you or changed you in this sermon series "Let's Get Skeptical?" Who can you share that with?

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