

April 12-13, 2025

Break the Ice

-In general, how do you handle unmet expectations? Do you put a positive spin on it, do you find yourself complaining, do you act like it doesn't matter, make jokes, etc?

Up

- -Read John 11:17-44. What stands out, confuses, or challenges you from this passage or the message?
- -Why is it always easier to see God's work in hindsight rather than in the moment?
- -As we are in holy week (the week of Easter). We get to reflect on the Last Supper and how Jesus gave His followers communion as an opportunity to "remember." How does remembering the Gospel play into your seasons of doubt?

<u>In</u>

- -Pastor Ron's sermon breaks down that doubt can come in the form of questioning God's plan (why did He allow this?), promises (does He care?) timing (isn't it too late?), and power (can He really help?). Is there particular category that you find your own doubts falling into? Does that tell you something about how you relate to God?
- -What would be different if you knew God could be trusted?

Out

- -What doubts have you experienced that served to deepen your faith?
- -In what ways can we emulate Jesus' empathy in our interactions with others who are experiencing doubt or pain?

Prayer

-Spend time praying as a group thanking God for How He has been faithful to each of us, even when we have not been faithful or have doubted His goodness.