



These questions are designed to extend the impact of the weekend message. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family and/or with a group.

THE ENEMY OF FAITH IS NOT DOUBT; IT IS UNEXPRESSED DOUBT. THE CHURCH SHOULD BE A PLACE WHERE ANYONE CAN ASK “BUT WHAT ABOUT...?” AND FACE SOME OF FAITH’S TOUGHEST QUESTIONS WITH HONESTY AND CONVICTION. THAT’S WHAT THIS SERIES WILL DO.

1 Everyone has a *“But what about...?”* What is a tough faith question you have or have heard others ask the most?

2 **REAL FAITH is a real struggle.** Life is going to challenge faith with some very hard experiences and questions, and authentic doubt does not un-authenticate faith. **Read Matthew 28:17 & Mark 9:24.** What is the place of doubt in the life of faith?

3 **“NO GOD” RESULTS... in the loss of meaning and the loss of morals.** Rick said that if we eliminate God in an attempt to eliminate our faith struggle, we also eliminate the basis for meaning in life and morals in society. Did this part of the lesson resonate with you? Why is a belief in a higher authority necessary for a sense of significance and a concept of justice to exist?

4 What advice would you give to someone in the midst of a faith crisis? What’s the best thing you could do for them?

5 **“KNOW GOD” REQUIRES... the need for honesty.** **Read Jude 22.** Jesus never flinched at a question from a truth-seeker (remember his interaction with “doubting” Thomas). What does the church need to do to show mercy to those who doubt?

6 **“KNOW GOD” REQUIRES... the need for humility.** Knowing God better means humbly admitting we will never know God completely. **Read Isaiah 55:9 & Romans 11:33.** Why is the pursuit of complete understanding an inadequate way to deal with our “but what about’s...?”

7 **But what about Jesus?** **Read Hebrews 1:3.** Jesus is like God, but it is just as true that God is like Jesus. How does the gospel speak to our doubts? What do we know about God in the person of Jesus that helps when we don’t have all the answers?

