



THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE:

## Light in the Darkness: Hope that Overcomes Doubt

Luke 7:18-23 (NIV)

<sup>18</sup> John's disciples told him about all these things. Calling two of them, <sup>19</sup> he sent them to the Lord to ask, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?"

<sup>20</sup> When the men came to Jesus, they said, "John the Baptist sent us to you to ask, 'Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?'"

<sup>21</sup> At that very time Jesus cured many who had diseases, sicknesses and evil spirits, and gave sight to many who were blind. <sup>22</sup> So he replied to the messengers, "Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. <sup>23</sup> Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me."

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### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. The sermon today stopped at verse 23. Read through verse 28. Why do you think Jesus held John in such high esteem? Why would anyone in the Kingdom of God be greater than he?
2. What do you think led John to doubt Jesus? [See Luke 3:1-19.] What were his circumstances? What might have been his state of mind?
3. Have you ever struggled with doubt? What were your circumstances?
4. What have been the chief roots of doubt in your life? Have they been more intellectual?
5. What else might be a root of doubt?
6. What has been most helpful in overcoming doubt in your life?
7. How have you seen God at work in your life recently?
8. What is it that you come back to most frequently that reassures you in faith?
9. What are your prayers for one another?