**“Better Than We Had Hoped – Pt 2”**

**April-6/7, 2024**

**Speaker: Matt Price**

**Opening:** [15 mins] We suggest you begin with an opening prayer and then a brief “catch up” or “icebreaker” before moving into the *scripture reflection* and *application questions*.

**Scripture Reflection:** [20 mins]Read **John 20:19-20, 24-29.** After allowing the group time to reflect on the passage, ask them to share what most stands out to them.

**Application Questions:** [40 mins](*These questions will help you and your group dig deeper into the weekend sermon. Feel free to edit or use only those which fit your allotted time.)*

1. Matt shared, *“We can learn from Thomas that Jesus is risen to help short-lived, untested faith become confident, and long-lasting.”*
   1. Describe a difficult time in your life when going through a particular trial, which caused you to doubt at first, eventually helped your faith to be more confident and long-lasting.
2. Matt said, *“Thomas admits that he’s unconvinced, and waits for Jesus to help him, so too you and I can be honest about our need for Jesus to help us believe when we know we aren’t believing.”* 
   1. When you are unconvinced about God’s ability to help you, are you able to be honest with Him about your unbelief? Why or why not?
   2. Have you ever assumed someone lacked faith without first listening to the reason for their doubts or hearing their story?
3. Matt taught, *“Jesus is risen to help us change our minds about Him and believe what is possible with Him.”*
   1. What things has Jesus made possible for you because He is a part of your life?
   2. Are there other things God might want to do in your life which currently seem impossible to believe? How might Jesus help you to be in faith for those things?

**Closing & Prayer**: [15 mins]

* Have each person in your group share a prayer request, and then have someone pray.
* Pray for fruitfulness coming out of Easter and the new sermon series, “Better Than We Had Hoped.”
* Pray for those who made first-time commitments or recommitments to Jesus at CA’s Easter services.