



Jun. 29/30, 2019

## **Dirty Dozen – Thomas**

### ***Review***

#### *Main Points*

Two things Jesus says to doubters

1. I'm glad you are here, come close
2. Look at my scars, they tell the story of my love for you

Two responses from doubters to Jesus

1. I drop my conditions
2. I declare you as my Lord and my God

### ***Reflect***

1. Why does Thomas get a bad reputation and how did Joe re-frame how we normally look at Thomas?
2. How can you identify with Thomas, and having doubts about Christianity? In what ways does it seem like Christianity is too good to believe?
3. Read the whole passage: John 20:24-29 and share initial comments and reactions.
4. Read v.27 again. How does Jesus welcome Thomas, and what does that communicate about his attitude towards us when we doubt?
5. Jesus showed Lazarus his scars. In your own words, what's the story behind the scars of Jesus? What does that communicate to people who doubters or skeptics?
6. In v.27 and v.28 notice how Thomas lays down his conditions to put his fingers and hands in the wounds and holes of Jesus. How do we place conditions on God, and what does that show about us?

### ***Respond***

1. Read the declaration of Thomas. Have you made that sort of declaration before? If you have, what has your declaration meant for you?
2. Who is someone you know that is struggling or has doubts, and how does this story inform how you want to respond to them this week?

### ***Pray***

Ask the group for prayer requests.

## ***Announcements***

### **An Evening with Tom Lehman // Monday, Jul. 8 // 7 p.m.**

Join us for an evening with professional golfer Tom Lehman, the only golfer in history to be honored with the Player of the Year Award on all three PGA Tours. Sit in on this event as Tom shares stories about how he lives out his faith as a professional golfer, and encouragement for all in attendance. Mark your calendars and invite your golf buddies, this is a night you won't want to miss!

### **Understanding Addiction // Wednesday, Jul. 10 // 6:30 p.m. at The Block**

Whether you're working through addiction yourself or looking for important next steps to help a loved one, join us for a free public event at The Block to help paint a better understanding of what it looks like to live with and overcome addiction.