Hook - Getting to know one another

* *How is everyone doing this week? Add other questions to get to know one another, especially ones related to the topic in the sermon.*
* When is something you have doubted, even though friends or those around you may have recommended it?
* Describe a time when someone else went out of their way to meet you where you were at. How did you feel in that time?

Book - Scripture

* *Read the scripture passages and discuss to understand* ***what the text is saying****:*
* **Read John 20: 19-31**
* What is the setting of this story?
  + Where are the disciples as this story takes place?
  + What has happened just before the passage?
* What does Jesus say and do in this passage?
  + What is the same or different in the two visits he makes to the disciples?
* How does this story fit in with the stated purpose of John, found in verse 31?
  + What other stories from the series connect for you with the purpose stated in John 20:31?

Look - Connections to our world today

* *This section focuses on implications about* ***what this text means*** *about what’s wrong in the world, about trusting God, about who God is, etc.*
* What is shown about the character of Christ in this passage?
* What encouraged you in reading this passage? What challenged you?
* When have you grappled with questions or doubts that impacted your faith walk?
  + Questions or doubts that prevented you from fully committing to Jesus?
  + Questions or doubts you wrestled with in the midst of your walk with Jesus?
  + How did Jesus meet you in your questions and doubts? (In prayer? Scripture? Community or relationships? Other?)
* James discussed faith shown by Thomas in his response, “My Lord and my God” (vs. 28). When has that model resonated with you in your walk with Christ?
  + A first time you made that faith your own?
  + A renewal or returning to that call?

Took - Personal Application

* *This application focuses on* ***how God is calling us to respond****. This could be personally, as a family, small group, or church. It could be something to believe, to meditate on, to say or do this week.*
* How might we best walk in community with our questions and doubts?
  + As a small group?
  + As a church?
* What questions are you carrying or working through in your faith right now?
  + How might we support one another with those?
  + How can we take that question to Jesus in the week ahead?
* When you look at the week ahead, how might you lean into Thomas’ example of faith, and his words “My Lord and my God?”
  + What steps might you take to lean in fully with Jesus?
  + How might you return to those words through the week?

Time of Prayer