**The Light Has Come: Darkness of Doubt**

**“Jesus has a very special love for you, but as for me, the silence and the emptiness is too great, that I look and do not see, listen and do not hear.” Mother Teresa**

***Luke 1:26-38, Matthew 1:18-25***

**If’s, And’s & Buts**

**A Leap of Faith**

**The Benefit of the Doubt**

**“A favourable judgment in the absence of full evidence.” Wikipedia**

**Take Aways:**

1. **Faith is trusting a person, Jesus**
2. **The Proof is in the Christmas Pudding.**

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**Got Questions? Text 519–893-2951 or email shayne@pathwaycc.ca**

1. Take a few minutes to share around the group about your week.
2. What was something that stood out to you this week in the sermon? Something that challenged you, encouraged you or bothered you?
3. Doubt can help us grow deeper in our faith but it can also derail our faith. What do you think can lead to either outcome?
4. Read John 20:19-29 together a couple of times. Look at the passage in a few different translations.
5. What differences did you see in the translations? Do you have any interesting study notes in your bible?
6. What parts did you have a hard time with and why?
7. What can you learn about God from this passage and how He relates to those who have doubts?
8. What do you make of the statement as the father has sent me so I am sending you? What does this mean practically for how we live?
9. Thomas’s response when told of Jesus’ resurrection is very matter of fact – he will not believe unless he sees and touches Jesus. How is this similar to how many people approach faith today?
10. How can you apply this teaching to your life this week?
11. Spend some time praying for one another.