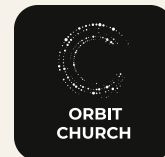


# Waiting For My Turn

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## Romans 10

### FOR THE LEADER

These questions help you run the conversation. They are not your study. Get into the passage yourself first, because your group needs what God taught you, not just a list of questions. These also lean on Sunday's message, so a few will not land for anyone who missed it. Watch it before you lead.

### WHAT THE MESSAGE WAS ABOUT

The week after Easter, Pastor Matt preached two people who each got a moment. Mary stood at the empty tomb and mistook the risen Jesus for the gardener, until he said one word: her name. Thomas missed the first appearance and wanted the same proof the others had already been given: let me touch the wounds. Jesus met them both. But he added something for the rest of us: blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Pastor Matt noted that the word for repentance means to turn. Nobody has to wait for a spiritual experience before making that turn.

### To get started

- What is something you had to be told twice before you actually heard it?

### Looking back at the message

Pastor Matt was candid about envying other people's experiences of God. That honesty is the door here.

- 1 Pastor Matt admitted he has watched other people have experiences of God he has not had, and found it frustrating. When have you felt that?
- 2 Mary mistook the risen Jesus for the gardener until he said her name. Why do you think her own name was the thing that did it?
- 3 Pastor Matt described Thomas's demand for proof as perfectly logical, and said logic is often a mask for something deeper. What might have been under Thomas's logic?

OPTIONAL

## Looking at the passage

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Read John 20:11-18 and 24-29 aloud. Notice how Jesus treats each person differently.

- 4 Read John 20:11-16. What does Mary assume about the man in front of her, and what changes her mind?
- 5 Read verses 24-29. What exactly does Thomas ask for, and what does Jesus offer him a week later?
- 6 Jesus meets Thomas's condition, then pronounces a blessing on those who believe without seeing. How do those two things fit together?
- 7 Luke 15 says heaven rejoices when one sinner repents, and repent means to turn. What does the word turn suggest that the word feel would not?

## Bringing it home

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Some people in the room have been waiting a long time for a moment. Do not tell them it does not matter.

- 8 Have you ever waited for a feeling before taking a step you already knew about?
- 9 Pastor Matt said God has already proven himself in Scripture, so the turn can be made in an ordinary moment, no lightning required. Is that satisfying to you, or disappointing?
- 10 If God said one thing to you by name, what would you want it to be?
- 11 What step have you been putting off until you feel more certain? OPTIONAL

## The group together

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Thomas was absent when it happened. That detail is worth landing on gently.

- 12 Thomas missed seeing Jesus because he was not with the others that night. What does that suggest, without turning it into blame?
- 13 How can a group carry someone whose faith is currently more question than certainty?
- 14 Who around you is waiting for a moment, and what would it look like to simply keep including them?

### BEFORE YOU FINISH

What turn could you make this week without waiting for anything to happen first?

## You might pray about

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- For those still waiting for an experience of God they have not had
- For faith that does not depend on having seen
- For the person who was absent when something happened and feels it
- For joy over anyone who turns, including quietly