



SERMON NOTES

Date _____

Use this sheet to help you think through the sermon today.

Preacher/Speaker

Scripture Passage

Additional Verses



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What is the main idea of this sermon?	What key words/thoughts are important?
What did we learn about God from this passage?	
What does God want me to do or believe in response to this passage?	
What was my favorite song lyric today?	What is something I didn't understand?

Day One—Sermon Application

In the message Sunday morning, we talked briefly about John the Baptist and the Apostle Thomas. Read Luke 7:16-23 and John 20:1-29. **In your opinion, what was the cause for doubting in each of these situations? Have you ever had doubts because of those issues? In what way?**

According to the sermon, there are three reasons for doubting—these include intellectual, emotional and volitional doubts. Think of someone you know that is skeptical of Christianity. **What is the underlying reason for their doubt? What should you do to help them overcome their doubt?**

Day Two—Worship Preparation

Spend some time today focusing on the lyrics of this beautiful song entitled "Holy Spirit." Remember as simple humans, we should not think that we are giving God permission to enter our presence. God does what he wants to do when he wants to do it regardless of what we do. The focus of the song is our desire and our need to be in His presence.

There's nothing worth more
That could ever come close
No thing can compare
You're our living hope
Your presence, Lord

I've tasted and seen
Of the sweetest of loves
Where my heart becomes free
And my shame is undone
Your presence, Lord

(<https://youtu.be/2zEiiZi2DKk>)

Day Three—Sermon Anticipation

Next Sunday, we will be exploring the question, "Isn't it irrational to believe in the existence of God?" In his book, *The Problem of God*, Mark Clark says, "If we are going to believe in God, then we must ask what the evidence is for his existence." **What evidence can you see that an all-powerful, eternal God actually exists?**

Plato explained, "There are two things that lead men to believe in God: the argument from the existence of the soul, and the argument from the order of the motion of the stars." Read Romans 1:18-23. **What does this passage say about the general revelation of God to mankind through creation? Do people have a rationale for not believing in God? How does this describe those who choose to ignore God?**

Read Psalm 14:1-3; 53:1-3 and Romans 3:9-12. **What similarities do you see in these passages? How is the skeptic—who refuses to acknowledge that God exists—described in the Psalms?**

Read Romans 3:21-26. **According to verses 24-25, what did God provide to all who have sinned? How does He provide this to mankind?**