

Stop the Bleeding Triage - Pt. 3

Sermon-Based Questions

1. Have you ever had to unlearn something? Tell about it.
2. Have you noticed the difference between people who tell you *what* to think versus those who teach you *how* to think? How is only telling someone what to think setting them up for a spiritual emergency?
3. Read John 11:1-16 and John 13:33-14:7. How do you see Thomas's sense of security slip away? What rattles him across these events?
4. Have you ever considered these questions: (a) is truth real? (b) is reality only material or immaterial also? What has helped you in answering them?
5. Read John 20:24-29. How is Thomas's ability to understand Jesus grounded in his answer to the previous two questions?

When **UNLEARNING** is part of our learning, learning becomes **CONFUSING**.

You stop the bleeding by learning **HOW** to think, not **WHAT** to think.

Learning how to think is far more about **QUESTIONS** than it ever is **ANSWERS**.

John 11:14–16 So then he told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead, **15** and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him."**16** **Then Thomas (also known as Didymus) said to the rest of the disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."**

John 13:33–14:7 "My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come. **34** "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. **35** By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." **36** Simon Peter asked him, "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus replied, "Where I am going, you cannot follow now, but you will follow later." **37** Peter asked, "Lord, why can't I follow you now? I will lay down my life for you." **38** Then Jesus answered, "Will you really lay down your life for me? Very truly I tell you, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times! **14:1** "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. **2** My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? **3** And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. **4** You know the way to the place where I am going." **5** **Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"** **6** Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. **7** If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."

John 20:24–29 Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. **25** So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.” **26** A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” **27** Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.” **28 Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”** **29** Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

Jesus **HONORS** our ability to think.

Questions for Stopping the Bleeding

1. Is truth real?
2. Is reality only material or is it immaterial also?

3 Tests of Truth

Coherence - Is it coherent with other things I know to be true?

Correspondence - Does this idea correspond with reality?

Functional - Is it functionally adequate?

BOTTOM LINE: You can stop the bleeding by **ANSWERING** life’s most foundational **QUESTIONS** and building upon them.