“From Doubt to Belief”

John 20:24-31

A. Believing in the ______________ is difficult.

B. The story of Lieutenant David Steeves who walked out of the Sierra Mountains _____ days after his ______ disappeared.
   1. He had no way to prove that what happened to him was ________.

C. Today I want us to experience the Resurrection of Jesus through the eyes of a __________.
   1. His name is __________.

D. The factors that were creating a basis for his disbelief are the same things that can affect our faith as well.
   1. He was experiencing ____________.
   2. He was experiencing _______________ with God.
      a. Our _____ with God is often _________.
      b. We set ourselves up for a fall when we expect something from God that he never _____________.
   3. He was experiencing a ____________ from God’s people.
      a. Being together as Christ’s community isn’t just something we ______ do, it is something we _________ do. (Heb. 10:24-25; 3:13)

E. Important truth: Jesus was willing to answer Thomas’ ___________ and relieve his _________. (John 20:26-29)

F. What evidence do we have to help us turn doubters into believers?
   1. The _______ _________.
   2. The _______________ of those who saw him _________.
   3. The _______ of ____________
   4. ____________ lives.

G. The resurrection of Jesus is so important because…
   1. It means Jesus is _______ he claimed to be.
   2. It means Jesus has the ________ he claimed to have.
   3. It means Jesus _______ what he promised to do.
   4. It means that my past is ____________
   5. It means that my present ____________ can be managed.
   6. It means that my future hope is ______________.