

## **Advent: Touch of Faith**

**John 20:24-29**

**December 6, 2020**

### **WARM-UP QUESTIONS:**

1. The nickname of the state of Missouri is the "Show Me" state. How true is this for you?
2. When you have to assemble something (a kid's toy, a piece of Ikea furniture), do you follow the provided instructions or follow your intuition? What does this reveal about yourself?
3. How has your awareness of touching changed due to the pandemic?
4. What joyful memories do you have about touching others prior to the pandemic?

### **REFLECTION QUESTIONS:**

1. Our Advent series focuses on the various Gospel accounts where Jesus physically touched individuals and what differences this made upon them. Read the post-resurrection accounts of John 20. How was touch a theme through the three episodes?
2. Why did Jesus think it was so important to personally address Thomas (to touch His hands and side) when all the other disciples were already convinced it was truly Jesus risen from the dead?
3. In the centuries after Jesus was taken into Heaven after the resurrection, what provisions did Jesus leave for us to experience "touching" him and in turn be "touched" by Him?

### **APPLICATION QUESTIONS:**

1. How has the pandemic affected your sense of God's presence and touch in your life?
2. What is one way where you have experienced and sensed God's touch?
3. How can you be an agent of God's touch for and to others?