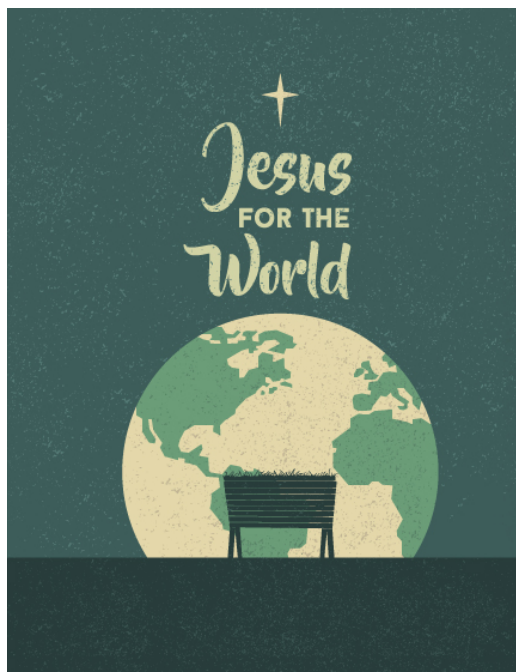


Jesus Early. Jesus Often.

Week of December 11, 2016



These Digging Deeper questions can be used the week following the Sunday message. You can use these questions for personal growth and development, or as a guide for your family or Connect Group discussions.

Getting Started

- What question have you used as an icebreaker when starting a conversation with a stranger?
- What would your response be if asked, “What do you think about Jesus?”

Message Recap:

Read Luke 22:54-62
& Galatians 5:22-23

Christmastime should be the easiest time of the year to tell others about Jesus. Yet we don't. Why is that? Maybe we have a sin in our life and don't feel good enough. Maybe we don't really know or love Jesus. When we love and know someone we want to tell the world about them. Peter, who was with Jesus throughout his ministry struggled with this same challenge. He denied Jesus three times. For us, when we know Jesus we develop the fruits of the Spirit in our lives. Has Jesus changed your life? If so, you can then more easily tell people about Jesus. Asking a key questions like, “How do you feel about Jesus?” brings the conversation to Jesus. Keep doing so, early and often in your conversations with others. You may find the world is less afraid of talking about Jesus than we are!

Pray

Dear Jesus, please help me know you more. Change my life and develop in me love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Give me opportunities to speak to others about you and then the courage to bring your name into my conversations early and often.

Digging Deeper

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1. What are the reasons that keep you from telling others about Jesus? What do you think kept Peter from telling others about Jesus and instead denied him?
2. How do you think Jesus felt when Peter denied him? How do you think Jesus feels when we fail to tell others about him?
3. Read John 21:15-19. How many times did Jesus question Peter? Why do you think Jesus was questioning him? How do you think Peter felt?
4. How can we know and love Jesus more?
5. What fruit of the Spirit from Gal 5:22-23 are you working on developing in your life?
6. One question we can ask others is, “How do you feel about Jesus?” What are some other questions we can ask when bringing Jesus into our conversations?
7. Are there things that you can do to create opportunities to talk with others about Jesus?

Living Jesus

Do you know and love Jesus? If not, get to know and love him! Do you know anyone hurting or having problems? If you do, you have opportunities to tell others about Jesus. Commit this week and this Christmastime to bring up Jesus early and often in conversations with friends, family, and whomever you meet! They (and you) will be blessed.

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