

God Redeems Through Giving

Week of February 12, 2017

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.

Message Recap: Read Mark 8:35

In the Kingdom of Heaven, "mine" is a four-letter word. It's a word that takes what God has given and makes it personal and centered on self. There is no room for "mine" in the life of the believer, for to really follow Jesus, you must be willing to give up all notion of "mine." For a Jesus-follower, life is either lived for "me" or given for Him. God redeems the life given to him. The given life then turns into a giving life. You can't out-give God. Create a foundation for living Jesus by starting with prayer, building with giving, and focusing how you can give to help make 300 new disciples this year. The more you give your life to Christ the less trouble you will have giving your life to others.

Pray

Dear God, I come to you today asking that you help me to see what is yours and what is mine. It is my desire to live a life full of "ALL" through you. Show me how to give myself to you freely, easily, and without doubt. In Jesus name, Amen.

Getting Started

- Share with the group your experience with the 21-Days of Prayer. How is God speaking to you?
- What have you been holding on to that God is asking you to give?

Digging Deeper

- 1. The purpose of our church is to reach as many people as possible by creatively revealing the love of the Father, through the life of the Son, and the power of the Spirit. What are some ways you can reveal (or are revealing) God's love to the people you know?
- 2. What does this phrase mean: Life is either kept for "me" or given for him.
- 3. What is the major thing keeping you from giving your "ALL" to Christ?
- 4. What does a given life look like?
- 5. Read Luke 6:38. Discuss what God means by this verse. How will you change what you do because of it?
- 6. Read Proverbs 11:24-25. What does this verse mean to you?
- 7. When God is first in our lives, we give him our best. How can you live out this principle by faith this week?

Living Jesus

This principle of letting go and giving it all to God is a simple one to say, but so difficult to do. We want to hang on to the things that harm us instead of letting go and giving freely to God. You can't out-give God! Maybe it's time to think about how much of your life you are giving the Christ. Have you accepted his salvation? Are you willing to give all you have whenever God asks? Are you praying? Are you tithing? Are you reading the Bible? Are you obeying what God is asking of you? Consider these questions and think about how you can let go of "mine" and give it all to him. Use the back of this page to write a response to what God is saying to you in this study.