



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 Matthew 25:31-46

As God’s people, we are sitting at a fountain of living water in a land where there is no water...but why do we keep it to ourselves? The world is thirsty for the love of Jesus. It is broken and hurting. Not just on the news, but right here in your back yard. But instead of seeing the broken of the world, we tend to look away. It is time to be bold because our courage (or cowardice) matters today, and forever. Jesus said when we help the needy, we are helping him. It is no longer okay to just go to church. We must BE the church. We must get on the road as Jesus did. We must show his love in our actions towards “the least of these.” If Jesus has touched you deeply, then you must also let him touch others deeply through you. Let Jesus be you in the broken world. Jesus has called every one of us to redeem something and meet him in the broken world. This call is on every moment of our lives.

Pray

Jesus, show me how to love like you. Show me where I need to show you and meet you with the broken. Let the Holy Spirit fill me with your love; the unconditional, life-changing love that you so freely give. And then let me pour that love into the people in my community. Let our church become a place of radical life-changing love as we share your compassion with those around us.

Getting Started

- When was the last time you helped someone who had a need? Share the story of how you knew of the need and what you did.
- Would you define yourself as comfortable where you are, or looking for something more meaningful/purposeful to participate in? Why?

Digging Deeper

1. Read Matthew 21:31-46. Who are “the least of these”...and where are they in relation to you?
2. What does it really mean to give your life, your WHOLE life and purpose and passion to Christ? Is your entire story and agenda Christ-written and God-led, or are you still trying to write your own story?
3. Explain this statement: *It’s not so much a matter of us trying to be Jesus, but simply of us letting Jesus be himself in us.*
4. Read Matthew 25:40 again and discuss this circle: *I receive the love of Jesus. I give his love to those who look the least like me. And in “the least of these” I meet Jesus again and receive his love.*
5. Where are the broken that Jesus is calling you to love? How can you do it?
6. What do you fear in following this call?
7. If you knew God couldn’t let you fail, where would you go meet the broken?

Living Jesus

If Jesus has your life, Jesus will be your life. If Jesus is your life, you will live with compassion, authenticity and empathy which will compel you to help the needy and love the broken. If Jesus has touched you deeply, you must let him touch others deeply through you.

Your Story

Where do you reveal Jesus? How do you show the love of Jesus to the world? What is Jesus calling you to do today to have an impact on the world for him?

If you are looking for a place to get involved in the lives of the broken, please contact Severn Run to see how to plug in to ministries like The Broken Wall Project, The Transformation Center, The Well, Kairos, and other Impact Projects.