

# Be The Difference That Reveals Jesus

Week of October 8, 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 **Matthew 20:25-28** and **2 Corinthians 2:14-16**

If we are truly changed by Jesus, we will be different than the world. This difference is revealed when we serve others. Jesus said if you serve yourself, you lose your life, but if you serve Jesus, you multiply your life. Your everyday life has eternal influence everywhere you go. Serving is revelation of Jesus, the *scent* of another world to the broken world in which we live. The Kingdom of Heaven is all about living a Given Life. It's driven by self-giving, by selflessness. The world is Christ-blind because the church serves itself more than it serves the world! Let's change that and be the difference that reveals Jesus!

## Pray

Lord, thank you for loving us. Thank you for sending your Son as the perfect example of how to serve you. We pray that we could have open hearts so that you may enter and change our self-serving nature into one that serves your desires. We pray that we would be overflowing with your love and be the difference in the world that it so desperately needs.

## Getting Started

- What talent or knowledge makes you different?
- Tell a story of a time when you were on fire for God and living for his purposes; what were you doing differently that made you feel that way?

## Digging Deeper

1. Discuss the differences in how the world and God deem significance.
2. Describe times when God used you in an area where you felt you were talented and an area where you felt you were not talented. Did your talent level make a difference?
3. What does it mean to be the "aroma of Christ"? (See 2 Corinthians 2:14-16 for reference). What does that look like in your life?
4. After reading 2 Corinthians 2:14-16, describe what it means to think from the mind of Christ. How does this cause us to be different?
5. Has there been a time when your "blindness" have been removed and you were able to see God working in your life? Describe what that felt like for you.
6. Discuss the ways you feel that God is calling you to serve others. It's okay to have reservations, let's talk about how they can be overcome.

## Living Jesus

The world is full of brokenness and is in need of people to make a difference. We have all seen this and know it to be true. We have been saved by the grace of God and we have been called to be that difference in the world. We have been challenged to be the difference because we have the awesome powerful love of Christ behind us. Step up to that challenge by visiting [SevernRunner.info](http://SevernRunner.info) and getting started! Saved people serve people!

## Your Story

**How have you changed because of serving? What ways are you "The Difference" to the people around you?**