

Repent of Resentment and Serve Jesus

Week of November 5, 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 Hebrews 12:1-4

We often excuse the insanity of our sin, of living a lower life, by believing “we have no choice”. But the choice Jesus made to serve us completely saves us from living a broken-down humanity. Believing Jesus served us beautifully always leads us to serve him well. *Saved people serve people – but resentful people don't.* Holding resentment towards God kills serving him and always leads to turning away from him. Don't be angry and turn away. Bring your resentment to God, turn to him and recognize he was with us through all of our pain and he loved us from the beginning.

Pray

Lord, thank you for loving us. Thank you for taking away all of our excuses and for showing us that you are always good. We pray that we would remember that love as we walk through a world of darkness and pain. We pray that we would be willing to share that love with the world and be a light in our community.

Getting Started

- What is the craziest excuse you ever heard from someone?
- What excuses have you given to avoid serving or helping others?

Digging Deeper

1. What have you held resentment towards God about? Why did/do you hold that towards God?
2. How have you brought your anger or resentment to God before? What resulted from how you handled it? Compare that to a time when you didn't bring it to God.
3. Read 1 John 1:5-7. What is the darkness in this passage? Give modern-day examples of walking in darkness while claiming to be in the light.
4. Read 1 John 1:8-9. How does this passage help you get back on the path marked for you? How does it qualify you to serve and help others?
5. Discuss how Jesus took away all of our excuses by how he served and how he loved us. Find Bible verses that show how he served and loved us and share them with your group.
6. How can you take your resentment to God without turning away from him?
7. How can the pain you have dealt with in your life serve as context in how you love others? How can you be the light *in* the darkness instead of hiding from it?

Living Jesus

We live in a world that is full of brokenness and pain and we are not exempt from that. But God has never left us and he never will. Further, he has called us to be an exception in the world by loving and serving others through our pain (Matthew 20:26-28, Hebrews 12:1-4). Let go of your resentment. Turn to Jesus and the love of God he represents that overshadows the darkness and pain of our lives. May we find new life and joy in the presence of our Father.

Your Story

Tell us about a time when you brought resentment to God, and he helped you turn it into service to others. Contact us through social media or email using #MyStory.