



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 4:1-11

Severn Run's vision and values are based on God's worth. Worship is ultimately giving in to the worth of God. Either we believe that God isn't or He is! When we recognize the ultimate worth and infinite goodness of God, we can experience true joy in our lives. Jesus began His ministry by spending 40 days in the wilderness. Immediately Satan attempted to distract Jesus with things of this world. Jesus sent Satan away telling him in Matthew 4:10, "...For it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'" Yet, we often find things of the world to worship instead of Jesus. Jesus had no interest in the things which were worth less. Giving your life to anything other than Jesus is giving your life to worthlessness.

Pray

Jesus, we know that only You are worthy of our worship. Send Satan from us and keep us focused on You. Move us to see what worth less things of this world we worship and move us to be willing to give them up. Bring passion to our worship every day. Give us the joy of worship. Amen

Getting Started

- Today's advertisers would have us value or worship products and services. Name the first products that come to mind that are promoted to us as being "must haves" or "must do".
- During your growing up years, who did you idolize or admire? In what ways did you "worship" them?

Digging Deeper

1. Worship is defined as celebrating Jesus as the center of our lives. In your own words, explain what this looks like on a daily basis.
2. Ego can be seen as Edging God Out. What in your life has the tendency to edge God out?
3. There are worship killers (God isn't.; God isn't good.; God isn't very good.; God isn't very good to me.) and worship ignitors (God is.; God is good.; God is very good.; God is very good to me.) Compare and contrast the killers to the ignitors. Which do you default to?
4. When it comes to our emotions and worship, do our emotions matter? Is this idea easy, difficult, challenging, or perplexing? Explain.
5. Read Matthew 4:1-11. What role does Satan and his lies play in your worship? How do we overcome his deceptions and move to true worship?
6. What demands have you made of God as a condition of worship? How has this affected your worship? Your life?
7. Outline ways your life is enriched when worshipping God instead of the worth less?

Living Jesus

We may never experience being offered the things Satan laid out for Jesus. However we are solicited nearly every day with ideas, people, status, experiences, or things that are "shiny and bright" for us to worship. Will you commit to direct your worship instead to only Jesus? Will you acknowledge these world offerings are worth less and only Jesus has value and worth? To do so, find ways to put passion in your worship of Jesus every day. Let your suffering points be the starting points. This is the path to joy as you give into the joyful worth of God!

Your Story

Knowing that only God is worth your worship, share two or three ways you will move toward daily passionate worship this week.

Share your personal story with us [here](#) or go to MySevernRun.com and choose Share Your Story under the Forms tab.