

Making the Turn...

Week of March 4, 2018



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 Acts 16:16-34

We live in a world where the inertia of hell is always pulling us towards itself. Satan will do anything and everything to keep us from seeing Jesus' worth. And when we have seen Jesus' worth, the devil will do everything he can to turn us away from experiencing Jesus as our confidence and joy. He will bring us trials and try to make us doubt in the goodness of God. You may be feeling beat up, bruised, and battered right now. It's time to take that pain to Jesus in worship. Worship is recognizing that nothing is worth more than Jesus and the awesome love of God. Real worship always involves making the choice to turn from the pain and the lies of hell to the joy and Truth of heaven. This is what it means to make "The Turn."

Pray

Jesus, sometimes I feel overwhelmed by the trials of this world. It feels like life is beating me up; I'm bruised and bleeding in my pain. But I know you are bigger than this pain. You are worth more than this trial. You are still with me, just waiting for me to turn to you. So, Jesus, I am making the turn to you. I'm turning away from the struggle and instead I worship you in it because I know you love me and you will help me overcome.

Digging Deeper

Getting Started

- Have you ever felt beaten up or defeated? Describe what happened and what you did as a result of that circumstance.
- Share how your life is changing because of worship.

Digging Deeper

1. What does the following statement mean? *We often have to choose above what we feel and before we understand; Love is a decision first, a feeling after...*
2. Read Acts 16:16-34 together. Imagine what Paul and Silas went through being beaten and jailed. How would you have reacted to the situation if it was *you* being beaten and jailed?
3. Why do you think Paul and Silas chose to sing praises to God while they were sitting in jail instead of complaining about their situation?
4. What happened because of their worship?
5. Narrate what you think would have happened if Paul and Silas chose to stay silent and focus only on their misery.
6. Describe a trial or challenge you are facing right now. Name a place in that trial where you are tempted to crash into the worthless of your situation. How can you give God glory in your present circumstance?
7. How would you explain to someone that "Worship is a way of living"?

Living Jesus

Real worship has a high cost; it's taking your eyes off of your circumstances and telling the "world" that it has no power over you. The reward and impact of worship is even greater—your faith is strengthened, and others will see the glory and power of God! Nothing is bigger than God's love for you in this very moment...even if you are in the middle of a struggle. Look above your emotion and pain, give God the glory in your present circumstance, and make the turn to worship God. What has your focus has your life. Focus on Jesus and make worship your way of living.

What's Your Story?

How is worship changing your relationship with God? Please tell us using the link below so we can share your story to encourage others!

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

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