



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 7:24-27 and Deuteronomy 6:6-9

Half of the people who follow Jesus make that decision by the time they are only 12 years old. Because of this fact, we know how important it is to help our children build a strong foundation of faith. If we leave this foundation building to the “world” or our own nature, we will end up broken. So we must help our own children and the children of our church (and even the newer believers) build a strong foundation of faith. This foundation has three facets: Our Spirit, Our Family, and Our Church. It begins with spiritual growth, which helps us know who we are in God’s eyes. Our family should responsibly model who Jesus is through both our actions and our words. The church then gives support, accountability and relationship so our children and adults can discover, develop and share their gifts. This foundation is the basis upon which our lives in Christ are built.

Pray

Dear Jesus, please empower us to tend to the harvest - especially in the children who are around us. We want to be the sensible people who built our houses on a rock and teach others to do the same. We ask that you open your eyes to the children and the people around us who are hungry for your love and your light so that we can minister to them.

Getting Started

- When you think of a foundation, what comes to mind?
- What kind of foundation did you have growing up?

Digging Deeper

1. If faith has a foundation, what do you think it can be built upon, like the house on the rock, in a spiritual sense?
2. If it’s not built upon a “rock”, but “sand”, what does that look like in a spiritual sense?
3. As an adult, do you think you mirror who your parents were? Do you think that your children mirror who you are?
4. How are you building a spiritual foundation at home for your family? How are you modeling Jesus?
5. If our church is here for support, spiritual growth, accountability and relationship so we can discover, develop and share gifts, how are you participating with that? (Do you look for accountability, or do you go it alone? Are you developing and sharing your gifts so others in the church can be built up, or are you just warming a seat on Sunday and leaving the rest up to someone else?)
6. What ministry need is the Spirit urging you to participate in? Have you done something about it? Why or why not?
7. If you aren’t serving and helping others grow, why not?

Living Jesus

Its time to start living what you say you believe and helping others do the same. Are you developing and sharing your gifts? You don’t need to know everything before you start serving - follow the leading of the Holy Spirit and make a commitment to helping grow the new believers around you - both in your family and in the church. Share your story, share your life, and reach out to others with the love of Jesus. If you feel a calling to serve in the children’s ministry, contact Pastor Steve at the church office and get involved! If you don’t want to serve there, you can still make an impact on the lives of others in any ministry you want to participate in. It’s time to Live Jesus!