

If Love's Come In, Love Goes Out!

Week of January 28, 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 John 17:18-23

How do we really know God loves us? He showed us when Jesus died on the cross. That was the first incarnation—when Jesus came to Earth to dwell among us and become the sacrifice for our sins. The people he interacted with believed in him because they saw and heard him. Now Jesus has sent the Holy Spirit to fill every believer—this is the second incarnation. If this love has come into your life, it must also go out to others. When we selflessly share our lives with those in need, paying attention to the Spirit's leading on whom to help, we are allowing the world around us to see and hear Jesus in a very real way. And as they did in his time, people will come to believe when they see Jesus in our lives. This is integral missions. You can be a missionary every day by allowing the love of Jesus to pour out of you towards everyone with whom you come into contact.

Pray

Jesus, thank you for loving me, for dying for me, and for sending the Spirit to live in me so I can be your hands and feet to the broken world. Move my heart to share your love. Show me to whom I can share your love. Help me give others something to believe in. Your love has come in to me, now let your love go out to others in need of you.

Getting Started

- Think about someone you are close to; share how you know they love you. How do you show them your love?
- How have you seen God's love for you in your life this past week?

Digging Deeper

1. How is Jesus coming to Earth different from what other "religions" teach? Why does it matter?
2. The people of Jesus' day came to know about him by seeing and hearing what he could do. Share some verses or Bible passages that illustrate this point for you.
3. No one walked away from their encounter with Jesus the same as they were before. When you first encountered Jesus (or as you encounter him in your daily life), in what ways are you changed or challenged?
4. How would you define the term "Integral Missions"? Why is this an important concept for our day/our church?
5. What excites you (or scares you) about Integral Missions? Why?
6. Read John 14:12. Are you convicted or encouraged by this verse? In what ways do you see God's love going out through you to the world around you? Or, do you need to let love come in so it can go out?
7. Make a commitment to your group about how you will show Jesus to those around you in the coming week.

Living Jesus

What if people today aren't believing because we aren't giving them something to believe in? Are you so busy living for yourself that you aren't living Jesus? Jesus was out touching, loving, and teaching the hurting. It's time to live Jesus by going out touching, loving, helping, and teaching the hurting who come across your path. Say "Yes!" to being loved, and then *be love* in a broken world.

Your Story

What did you do last week to show Jesus to those around you? Tell us using the link below so we can share your story and inspire others to respond to Jesus too.

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