



What is Worth More?

Week of February 25, 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 Genesis 22:1-19

What is worship? We focus on the outer expressions of worship, the cultural forms, the formative first encounters we had with God as children (and that our parents endorsed). But in everything, worship is about the heart – God's and ours. Worship is then a response! Worship flows from faith not feelings, from confidence in Christ not our context and circumstances. Worship is the path of love into the presence of God. It's celebrating Jesus as the center of a great life worth living well. Ungiven (unchanged) hearts will always work to keep worship costs low. But recognizing the true worth of God ultimately costs us our world. Nothing's worth more!

Pray

Lord, thank you for loving us! Thank you for seeing our hearts, let them be set on you! We pray that we would also see our hearts and realize where we are on the inside. We want to better understand your full glory and mercy. We pray that our recognition of your glory does not float on the sea of our emotions but that it would be a constant in the presence of your love. We will know your infinite worth and we put you above all things

Getting Started

- What kind of worship songs do you prefer (hymnal, contemporary, choir, etc.)? What is your favorite worship song right now?
- What was worship when you were young? Discuss how (or if) this influences your previous answer.

Digging Deeper

1. How do our preconceived notions of worship limit God?
2. We struggle to believe that we are loved by God when our hearts are hard towards him. How are our hearts softened? Discuss a time when your hard heart was softened and you deeply understood God's love for you.
3. Discuss how God showed we were loved at the cross. What is that worth to you? Is this worship?
4. What does "Worship is high cost" mean to you? What does it look like in your life? What does your worship personally cost you?
5. Consider this: Worship is the dance of a relationship, not a formula or ritual. How would you describe a "Dance of a Relationship"? Does this change how you think of worship?
6. Read 1 John 2:15-17. Discuss the things of the world that tend to distract us from worshipping God. How can you stop loving those things more than you love God?
7. What would a life of intentional worship look like for you this week?

Living Jesus

In light of learning more about worship and understanding God's love for you, how do you respond to God's love? Respond with worship! Let's not treat a "worth less" world as worth more than Christ. Consider what would a life of passion-filled worship look like for you this week and let it happen!

What's Your Story?

How will you apply 1 John 2:15-17 in your life? Share with us what happens when you give up the things of the world so you can do more of what pleases God using the link below.

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