

Turning Broken into Beautiful Brokenness

Week of March 18, 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 Luke 7:36-50

Worship is the movement from repentance to grace. It's the movement from life-leaking "broken" to a life of beautiful brokenness before Jesus, using the broken things as trophies of God's grace. Living broken is living in the past, with a focus on self, and pain, and woundedness. Living in brokenness is life in Jesus, focusing on joy, healing and the future. Before we can live in brokenness, Ego (pride, selfsufficiency, resentment, etc.) has to die before we can ever find life in worship at the feet of Jesus. Everyone is broken, but we don't always realize it. The more you can feel your broken, the more you'll turn from what's forever worth-less and towards what is worth more. Turning to Jesus in worship turns our useless and broken into a beautiful brokenness, surrendered to Christ. Bring your broken to the feet of Jesus and be forever forgiven.

Pray

Lord, I am so grateful that you have taken the shards of my life and turned them into something beautiful. You have taken my broken, coated it with gold, and made that brokenness beautiful. You are my peace. You are my joy. You have given me new life, and for that I give you my worship. Jesus, I honor you and I praise you for your grace and your everlasting love.

Getting Started

- What is something broken in your house, on your car, or in your life right now? Is it easy to fix, or is it big?
- · How would you define worship?

Digging Deeper

- Do you agree or disagree that everyone is broken, but not everyone knows it? Why would we not know about our broken?
- 2. If we are all broken, discuss what that looks like.
- 3. It's human nature to look for something to answer the pain in our lives. Share about a time when you looked to Jesus for peace in your pain. How did he comfort you?
- 4. Explain this statement: We are useless to God until our broken gets turned into brokenness. Then discuss how God can make our broken beautiful.
- 5. Read Luke 7:36-50. What strikes you about this passage?
- 6. How is this woman's act an act of worship? How does our level of gratitude affect our depth of worship?
- 7. How is Jesus turning your broken into Kintsugi? (Kintsugi is the Japanese art of repairing broken pottery with gold).

Living Jesus

When you move into grace, Jesus becomes your peace. Bring your broken to the feet of Jesus and experience his forgiveness. Then let your desperate gratitude turn useless broken into Christ-revealing brokenness. Admit your sin, bring it to Jesus, repent, and live beautifully broken.

What's Your Story?

How is Jesus making your broken beautiful? When you share how Jesus is covering your broken with beauty, you can help others understand the beauty of God's grace.

Share your personal story with us <u>here</u> or go to <u>MySevernRun.com</u> and choose Share Your Story under the Forms tab.