



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 14:12-14

Do you believe? Do you believe big? We want to believe. We think we believe, but do we really? If we did, things would look different. What's our excuse? Suffering is here to stay. Some of us are resentful for our past, living in it, while others are terrified of what will come but both have forgotten that Jesus was crucified for us so that we could overcome it. Jesus gave his disciples a "test" if they were believing big when he said, "Whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these..." We who follow Jesus are disciples just as they were, so the test applies to us just the same. Satan is putting doubts in our hearts, not Jesus. Jesus puts the dreams and goals in our hearts. We have to put our beliefs out there, unafraid of judgment. Jesus, in his humanity, was afraid like we are, but he kept taking every step because he knew it would lead to the resurrection.

Pray

Lord, thank you for loving us! Thank you for giving us something to believe in, someone we can count on. Thank you for believing in us and extending grace whenever we fall short. Free us from our past that wishes to hold us back. Remove any anxiousness that may stand in our way. May we remember that we have been set free to walk forward with Jesus. May we believe that God is for us and know that nothing can stand against us!

Getting Started

- What is the biggest thing you've ever seen in person?
- Tell a story about a time when you were able to overcome an obstacle.

Digging Deeper

1. Discuss what "believing" means to you.
2. Has your belief ever wavered? What caused it to waver and how did you overcome it?
3. Are you more likely to be hung up on what has happened in the past, or anxious about what could happen in the future? If neither, how do you avoid feeling that way?
4. Read John 14:12-14. What did Jesus mean in these verses? What did Jesus mean when he said we could do "greater things than these"?
5. Do you know anyone who has really "believed big"? Talk about what they did that let you know about their belief.
6. Share about an area in your life where you've been holding back (or have previously held back) because of your unbelief?
7. Is there something in your life now that you need to believe big about? How are you encouraged to believe big about this situation?

Living Jesus

Do you believe big? Find a pen and some paper. If you haven't heard God speak to you about where you should be making progress, pray that He would reveal that to you. If you have, put it out there. Jesus said, "Ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it!". So ask Him! Say "Enough is enough" with a life of resentment or anxiety and say to Jesus, "I'm ready to believe big!" Write down what God is telling you and make that your new mission in life.

What's Your Story?

Is there a time in your life that you believed big about something and you stepped into it with faith? We'd like you to share that story to encourage others to believe big too!

>> Go to SevernRunner.info and choose the Stories tile. Then follow the link provided to share your own story; we will even connect you with a writer to help you.