

### Digging Deeper Believe the Impossible

Week of December 9, 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 Matthew 6:25-34, 8:23-27, 14:22-33

Christmas has a way of revealing where we really are with God. We can only experience God through faith in Jesus; and believing Jesus is more than a feeling. Belief is a reality that can change your reality. You can be unstoppable in the work of God's glory if you really believe in the impossible. With God, all things are possible and nothing is impossible. So when logic tells you that something doesn't make sense or can't be done, then you need to believe. Believing means letting your faith take over; it means that you can trust that God's purpose will be served and his glory will be revealed in an extraordinary wayfor no word or thing from God will ever fail (Luke 1:37). God has prepared a purpose for you to uniquely fulfill his plan and show his glory; and you are called to participate in the story. What will you believe?

### Pray

Lord, I believe! I believe you have found me, that you have a plan for me, that you are with me and you will never leave me. I believe that your glory is always above my fear. I believe that your grace repurposes my life for your glory. I believe the impossible; and because I believe, I will be unstoppable in the work of your glory through me!

## **Getting Started**

- If you had a magic wand, what would you wish for?
- Describe a time when you took something old and gave it a new purpose; what was the process you used to repurpose that item?

# **Digging Deeper**

- What has changed in your life since you began a relationship with God? Can others tell you are a believer by your words and/ or actions?
- 2. In this week's focus verses, Jesus often called out the disciples for having "little faith." Why do you think faith is so important to Jesus?
- 3. Discuss some ways in the Bible that God has repurposed lives for his glory. Has this happened to you or someone you know? Share the story if you have an example.
- 4. Read Luke 1:26-38. It may have seemed impossible that a virgin would birth the Son of God; What is your impossible? How might God overcome that impossible?
- 5. Why are we so quick to apply God's ability to do the impossible to our situation as if we had a magic wand or a remote from him? How can you focus on God's purpose instead of your own?
- 6. What's your next faith step for the glory of God?

## **Living Jesus**

Is your faith growing, or are you stuck? God wants to repurpose your life. His impossible is working his purpose, and your faith is your surrender to his purpose over your own. Don't be disappointed when things don't work out according to your will—because when you believe and when you follow, it is about God's will. Just keep believing that God's purpose will prevail.

# What's Your Story?

How have you been unstoppable in the work of God's Glory?

Encourage others by sharing your story! >> Go to <u>SevernRunner.info</u> 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 tell your Jesus story.