



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 Acts 1:4-11 and 2 Corinthians 9:8

Most of us have spent our lives waiting for something extraordinary; for something amazing to happen that alters the trajectory of our lives for the better. The problem is, this extraordinary has already occurred, and we've been ignoring it. Nothing more life-changing will ever happen to us than the love of Jesus and the sacrifice he made so that we could live forever in his embrace. We need to stop looking out for the next thing, and instead reflect on what's already been done. Once we've done that, then we need to help others see the same.

Pray

Lord, please help us to stop ignoring what is eternal for things that are temporary. Help us to quit wanting more of what we don't have, and instead focus on everything that we've been given, including what you did for us. Help us to quit making excuses for waiting, and instead learn to take the leap of faith, and figure out 'how' afterwards.

Getting Started

- Think of a recent movie you've seen where someone overcomes great odds to do something amazing. What made them successful? (*No spoilers for Avengers Fans!)
- In your own life, what is an obstacle that you've been struggling with?

Digging Deeper

1. Read Matthew 26:40-41 (The Message version, if possible). It speaks of Peter being spiritually willing, but physically lazy. In what ways do you find yourself being "lazy"?
2. What were your answers to this statement from Sunday's message: "I can't do ___ for God, because I don't have ___ from God."
3. Consider this: In John 19:30 Jesus said, "It is finished." Apply this to your struggles – What has Jesus finished for you (even if you're still acting like it's a reality for your life)? How does knowing that Jesus has already conquered this struggle help you live in victory?
4. When Jesus left the disciples, he sent the Holy Spirit to indwell them so they could do God's work. We also have the Holy Spirit. What is the Holy Spirit's role in our lives in general and/or how does the Holy Spirit manifest in your life?
5. Read 1 Corinthians 12:14-18. Sometimes we wish we had different gifts, but God created just as he wanted us to be. What gifts do you have?
6. So now, thinking about your obstacles compared with your gifts, how might you creatively overcome this adversity?

Living Jesus

Jesus spent his whole life on Earth setting us up for the future. He came to die on the cross so that we could live eternally connected to God, but there was so much more than just our redemption at stake. Jesus couldn't stay here, so he left us to continue his work, giving us his Spirit to enable that work. He didn't save us so we could sit on our hands and wonder what to do next. He set the example for us to follow, and he told us exactly what to do. And God is not stingy about resourcing us to do his work. He has given you everything you need to do the work he has set before you (see 2 Corinthians 9:8). Stop waiting in fear for something from the future and instead, act on faith in what Jesus has already done! It's time to decide what you're going to do. You can continue to sit on your hands, wondering why you're stuck, or you can get up and use the gifts God's given you to show the world the meaning of a Love that simply does.