



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 Mark 8:35

The gospel is the good news of Jesus Christ. The good news is the love of God sent down to each of us through the life of Christ.

We are created in love. He planned for us to want to be loved and to know we are lovable. But we are broken in sin. We rejected our creator, thinking we want something more. The results was that instead of life, we found death.

Thankfully God sent a Savior to be a bridge. Despite our rejection of God, all along He had a plan. Love would have a name, a face and scars. His name was Jesus Christ. We may hear the message but we actually receive it when we through faith give our lives back to God.

## Pray

Dear God, your plan is amazing. Your love is unimaginable. Help and guide us to accept your free offer of grace and eternal life through belief in Jesus Christ. Change us and take control of us as we live our lives knowing that Christ is the only way to You, that He is truth and He is the only one to offer us life. Amen

## Getting Started

- What messages have you seen people hear, yet they did not receive?
- What is the key difference from Christianity and all other religions of the world? Is this difference good or bad?

## Digging Deeper

1. Proverbs 22:19a says, “what a person desires is unfailing love...” Agree or disagree? Why or why not?
2. Read Jeremiah 31:3 and Psalm 129:14. What do these verses mean and how do they make you feel?
3. What has lead to our brokenness? (See Romans 6:23a)
4. Share a time when you downplayed the sin in your life? Why did you do so and what did it lead to?
5. Read John 3:16 How did God build a bridge through Jesus? Why are the key words “whoever believes” so very important to us?
6. Define redemption. Why is it by faith that we must receive it?
7. Why is receiving the good news of redemption through Jesus so vital? In what ways does it change everything?
8. According to John 1:12, when we receive and give up control what does God give us in return? How does this affect you?

## Living Jesus

You have heard the message of the good news. You now get to make a choice - accept the message of Christ and be given life or reject it and receive death. Choosing Christ will change your life. Choose life and take the next step boldly proclaiming your faith in Jesus Christ through baptism into a forever life with Him.

## What's Your Story?

Taking action in having heard the message of the good news and receiving it, what has your “change experience” been or what would you like it to be? Share how God is working in your life at [SevernRunner.info/stories](http://SevernRunner.info/stories).