

Taking Worship Home

Discuss one or more of the following with a friend or family member.

Would you rather spend time with someone else working on a task or having a deep conversation? Why?

Describe a time when you felt really loved as a child or an adult. Why was that time so significant for you?

How did you learn to handle conflict as a child? Who taught you?

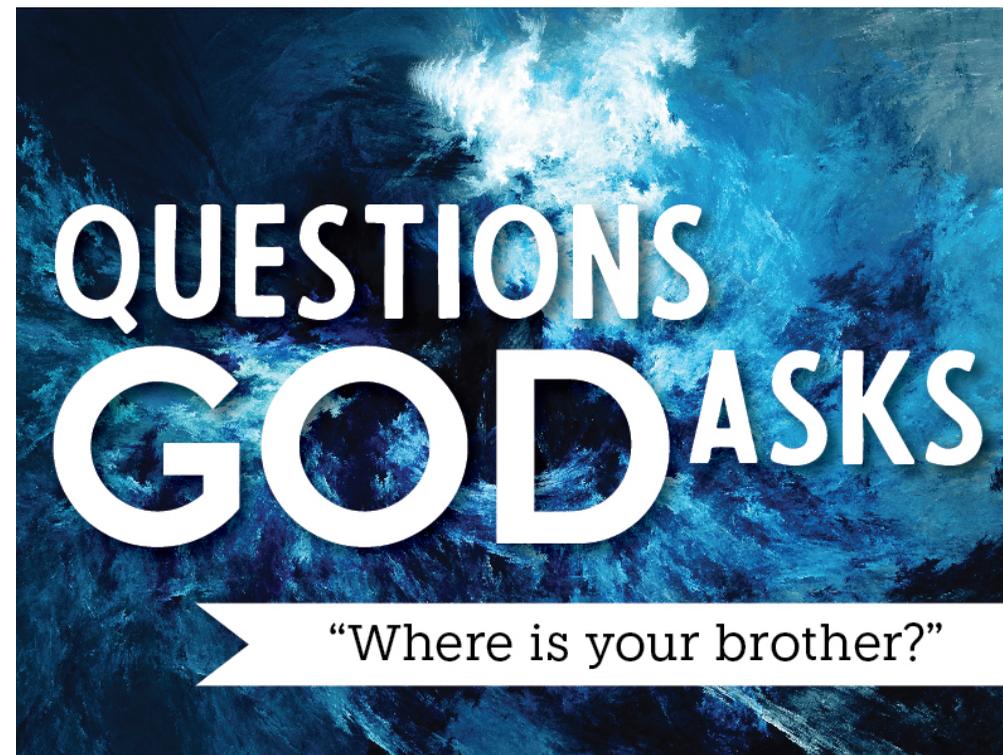
Talk about one or more of the following with people who can point you back to Jesus and his love for you.

Which is easier, to love God or to love the people around you? How do you think Jesus would answer the question?

When you think about loving other people, who in your life does this really well? What have you learned from them that Jesus has used to shape your desire and ability to love others?

Who in your life is Jesus asking you to love unconditionally, even if they are hard to love? Describe one simple step you could take to show them love.

What promise or good news from Jesus do you need to help you take this next step?



Prayer for the Week

Heavenly Father, You call us to love others because You first loved us. Draw us into Your life-giving love throughout this Lenten journey as You show us Jesus' cross and empty tomb. Form that same love in us, that we would serve others in joyful response to Your good news. Grant this for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Song for the Week

Reflect on the words of this song/hymn and hold onto the promises it speaks.

“Glory be to Jesus”

*Glory be to Jesus, who in bitter pains
poured for me the life-blood, from His sacred veins!*

*Grace and life eternal in that blood I find;
blest be His compassion, infinitely kind!*

*Blest through endless ages, be the precious stream,
which from endless torments did the world redeem.*

*Abel's blood for vengeance pleaded to the skies;
but the blood of Jesus for our pardon cries.*

*Oft as earth exulting wafts its praise on high,
angel hosts rejoicing make their glad reply.*

*Lift we then, our voices, swell the mighty flood;
Louder still and louder praise the precious blood!*

Sermon Notes

Scripture for the Week

Meditate on the following readings from worship throughout the week.

- *Old Testament: Genesis 4:6-9*
- *New Testament: 1 John 4:19-21*
- *Gospel: Mark 3:31-34*