

## Taking Worship Home

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

*Talk about a time when you were so excited about something that you invited people to come with you to experience it. Why were you so excited? How did your excitement influence others' participation?*

*Name a person you trust implicitly? Talk about how you came to trust them so much.*

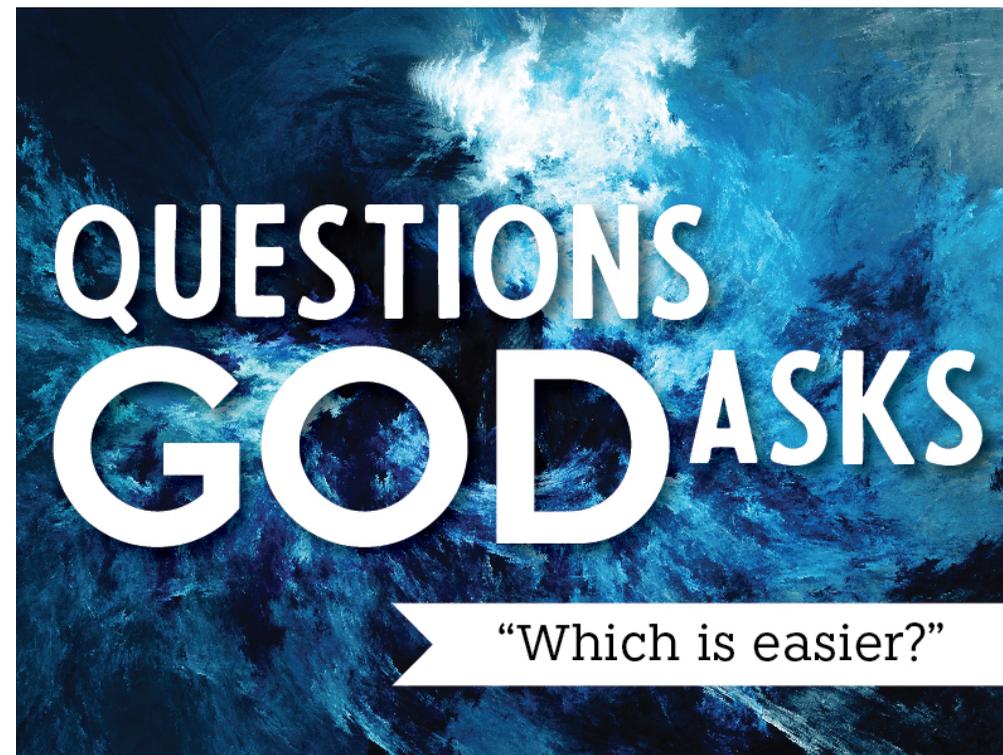
*Which is more natural for you, giving or receiving?*

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

*Is it easy for you to trust people? Why? Is it easy for you to trust Jesus? Why?*

*Jesus has divine power over all things and we do not. Do you receive that truth with joy or as challenge? Why?*

*Jesus is the divine Son of God with power over all things. What is he inviting you to bring to him in trust? What promise from Jesus do you need to do that?*



## Prayer for the Week

Jesus, I want to trust you more and more each day. Only you have the power to shape that trust in me. Form my response so I approach you in new and different ways.

When a door that appeared to be open is closed in my face, give me courage to look for the next steps you have in mind for me. When a window of opportunity is slammed shut, give me the courage to move on with you.

When I feel separated from your presence, remind me that you are always with me, even when I cannot see you. When I find myself thinking that you are too busy to care about me, help me remember that I am important to you.

Jesus, when I start to question in my heart what you can do in my life, renew my trust again. Amen.

## Sermon Notes

## Song for the Week

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

*Drawn to the Cross*

Drawn to the Cross, which Thou hast blest,  
With healing gifts for souls distressed,  
To find in Thee my life, my rest,  
Christ Crucified, I come.

Thou knowest all my griefs and fears,  
Thy grace abused, my misspent years;  
Yet now to Thee with contrite tears,  
Christ Crucified, I come.

Wash me and take away each stain;  
Let nothing of my sin remain.  
For cleansing, though it be through pain,  
Christ Crucified, I come.

And then for work to do for Thee,  
Which shall so sweet a service be  
That angels well might envy me,  
Christ Crucified, I come.

## Scripture for the Week

Meditate on the following readings from worship throughout the week.

- *Monday:* Job 17:9
- *Tuesday:* Galatians 6:9
- *Wednesday:* Hebrews 12:1
- *Thursday:* 1 Peter 1:13
- *Friday:* Mark 2:1-12