

Taking Worship Home

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

If you won a million dollars, what would change in your life?

What are some common superstitions? Do you know anyone who holds to these superstitions? How superstitious are you? Tell a story about a time when you felt like a superstition seemed to make sense.

Have you ever changed a habit or behavior, lost weight or made a career change, overcome an addiction or broken a negative cycle? Talk about the struggle and benefit of life transformation.

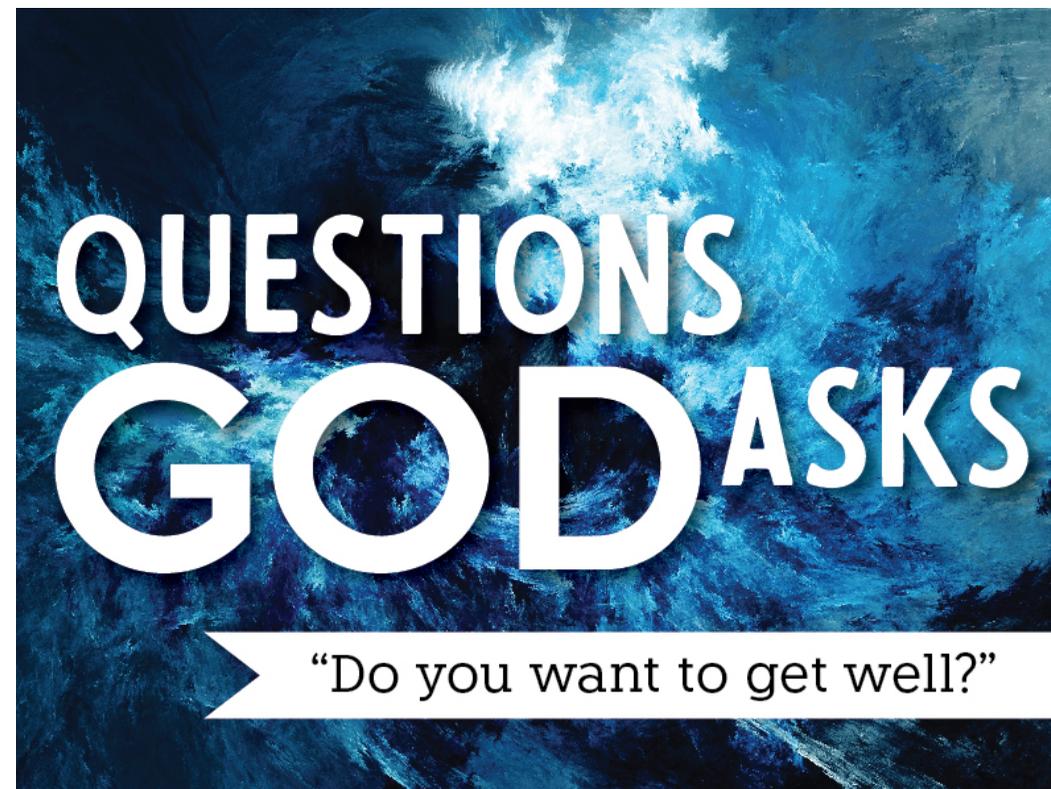
Talk about one or more of the following with people who can point you back to Jesus and his love for you.

Which excuses do you hear most often? Which excuses do you use most often? Which was easier to think of, and why?

Which excuses do you use most often with God? Are they similar or different from the kinds of excuses you use with people? How is Jesus inviting you to respond to the excuses in your life?

In Jesus, the New Creation is knocking at the door of your life. Even now, it is not too late. What kinds of responses do you feel when you hear Jesus' question, "Do you want to get well?" What response is Jesus shaping in you?

Invite someone to speak this promise over you after a moment of kneeling in silent confession: "Arise in the power of the Holy Spirit and the love of the Father, with the confidence that your sins are forgiven for the sake of Jesus. Amen."



Prayer for the Week

Yes, Lord, I want to get well.

Heal my body, heal my soul, and heal my mind.

Take away my excuses. Break my patterns of shame. Overcome my sin.

Pour out your Spirit abundantly on me. Fill my empty life of self-pity and self-indulgence with the fullness of your resurrection life.

Jesus, I want to do what you say, but I also want to know who you are. Restore my relationship with you, and restore my relationship with the people around me.

Yes, Lord, I want to get well. Amen.

Song for the Week

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

“All Who Are Thirsty”

Brenton Brown | Glenn Robertson

*All who are thirsty, all who are weak
Come to the fountain
Dip your heart in the stream of life*

*Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away
In the waves of His mercy
As deep cries out to deep*

*Come Lord Jesus, come
Come Lord Jesus, come*

*Nothing but Your will for me
I am only free when You come*

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Sermon Notes

Scripture for the Week

Meditate on the following readings from worship throughout the week.

- *Old Testament: Isaiah 55:1-7*
- *New Testament: 2 Corinthians 6:1-2*
- *Gospel: John 5:1-8*