

Taking Worship Home

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

Have you ever had a garden? Describe what you planted and how it turned out.

Tell a story about a close call in your life. Did something really bad almost happen to you? What kept it from happening?

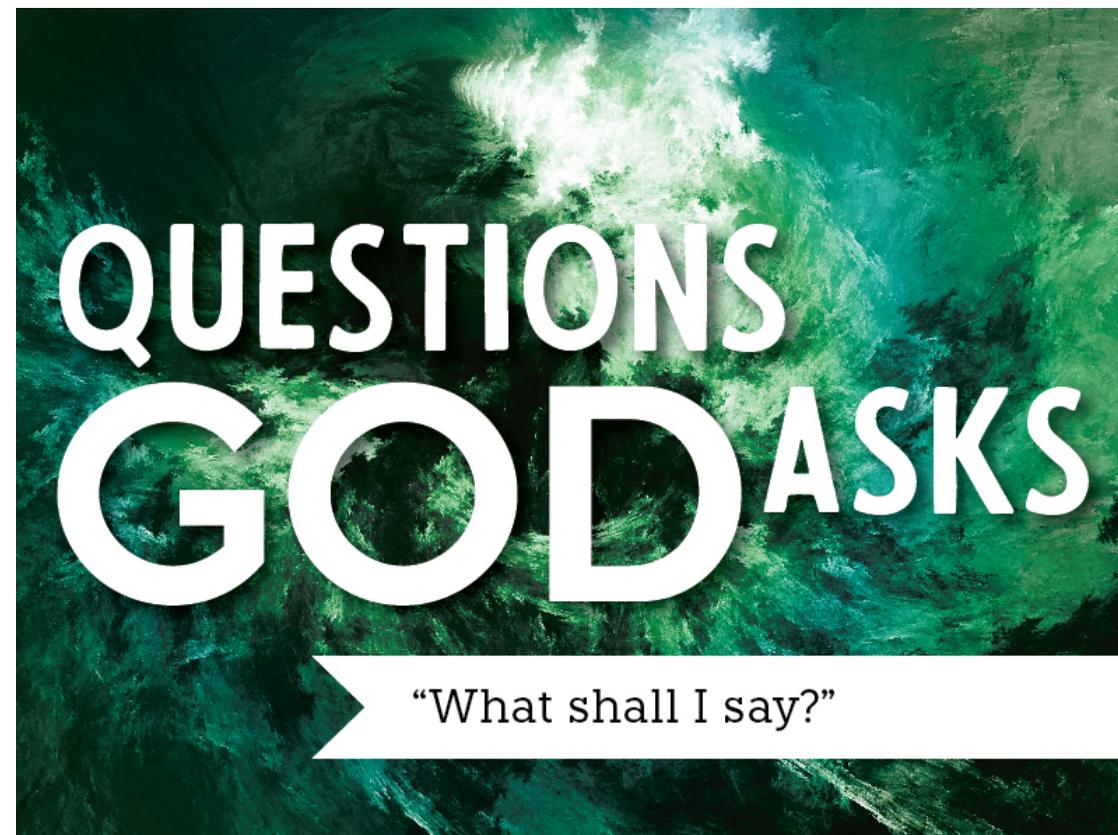
When have you had to make a difficult decision? What was at stake? How did you choose to make the decision, and what was the result?

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

In John 12, Jesus says that his heart is troubled. What kinds of things are currently troubling your heart?

In John 12, Jesus says that a kernel remains alone unless it falls to the ground and dies; then it produces much fruit. Jesus found it challenging to live that dynamic in his life, and he knows his servants and followers will have to experience that dynamic as well. Talk about what that challenge looks like in your life this week.

In John 12, Jesus prays two prayers: "Father, save me from this hour," and "Father, glorify your name." How do you pray both of these prayers for the things that are challenging you right now? What comfort or invitation from Jesus enables you to pray both of these prayers with him?



Prayer for the Week

Lord God, as we see the brokenness and division in the world around us, our souls are troubled. As we see Jesus giving up his life and inviting us to do the same, our souls are troubled.

We want to be servants and followers of a Master who lives out dying to self in order to have abundant life. But we struggle with our selfish pride; we struggle with our unwillingness to serve; we struggle with our lack of trust.

Lord, our hearts are troubled. Father, save us from this hour!

Father, in the midst of our struggle, in spite of our sin, in our time of trouble, give us your Spirit and your Word. Through the suffering and death of Jesus, you judged the world, cast out Satan, and exalted your beloved Son; now draw us into your kingdom by the power of that same cross.

Father, glorify your name! Amen.

Scriptures for Holy Week

Monday, John 12:20–46

Tuesday, Mark 11:19–33

Wednesday: Mark 12:1–34

Maundy Thursday, Matthew 26:26–46

Good Friday, Psalm 22

Holy Saturday, John 19:31–42

Easter Sunday, John 20:1–18

Song for the Week

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

At The Cross (Love Ran Red)

Chris Tomlin | Ed Cash | Jonas Myrin | Matt Armstrong | Matt Redman

*There's a place where mercy reigns and never dies
There's a place where streams of grace flow deep and wide
Where all the love I've ever found
Comes like a flood, comes flowing down*

*At the cross, at the cross, I surrender my life
I'm in awe of You, I'm in awe of You
Where Your love ran red and my sin washed white
I owe all to You, I owe all to You, Jesus*

*There's a place where sin and shame are powerless
Where my heart has peace with God and forgiveness
Where all the love I've ever found
Comes like a flood, comes flowing down*

*Here my hope is found
Here on holy ground
Here I bow down, here I bow down
Here arms open wide
Here You saved my life
Here I bow down, here I bow*

*At the cross, at the cross, I surrender my life
I'm in awe of You, I'm in awe of You
Where Your love ran red and my sin washed white
I owe all to You, I owe all to You, Jesus*