

WHAT IF

SERMON-BASED QUESTIONS

JANUARY 22 + 23, 2022

MY STORY

1. What was the best part of your Christmas and New Year?
2. Do you have any goals or resolutions for the New Year? If so, what?
3. Have you ever been on a mission trip, local or global? Share about it. What made you want to go?
4. What person or types of people do you find it easy and second nature to be loving and kind to? Who is the toughest for you to love and care for?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Share your takeaway from this weekend's message.
5. Read Matthew 23:23-26 and answer the following questions:
 - a. What is the main point from these verses?
 - b. In your own life, how can you differentiate between “talking the talk” and “walking the walk”?
 - c. Practically, what would it look like to “clean the inside of your cup and dish”?
 - d. Why do people try to earn the respect of others instead of pleasing God?

CALL TO ACTION | MEDITATE: Spend quality time this week in prayer and meditation on Matthew 23:23, specifically the last part that says, “You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former.” Ask God to reveal an area or areas where you need His intervention, healing, and restoration.

6. Read Matthew 5:43-48 and 6:1 and answer the following questions:

- a. What is your reason for doing what is right in God’s eyes?

- b. When you read verse 46, how does the way you love others vary from person to person?

- c. Do you go outside your comfortable circle of friends/family to show mercy, justice, grace, and love? Explain.

CALL TO ACTION | STEP OUTSIDE OF YOUR CIRCLE: Who, outside of your typical circle of day-to-day life, can you love or care for this week?

TAKING IT HOME

In one or two sentences, how are you going to practically and actually put the “Call To Action” sections from above into practice this week?