

# WHAT IF

## SERMON-BASED QUESTIONS

FEBRUARY 19 + 20, 2022

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### MY STORY

1. What is your go to guilty pleasure treat (candy, drinks, etc.)?
2. What is something you have never finished that you regret?
3. What thoughts go through your head when you finish an important task?

### IN REVIEW

Last week, both “Call To Actions” encouraged us to “deny ourselves” (putting others' needs above our own, pursuing Jesus, etc.)—Is there a specific story or theme from the last week that you want to share?

### DIGGING DEEPER

4. Pastor John used the verse John 19:30 when Jesus says, “It is finished.” Write down the few things that John talked through that “it” covered.
5. Read Romans 4:5-8 and answer the following questions:
  - a. Do you grasp that you have been forgiven? Explain. How has this affected you and your relationship with Jesus?
  - b. Do you find yourself trying to earn God’s forgiveness? If so, how?
  - c. Truly grasping God’s forgiveness towards us changes everything. How does it affect you daily (in what workplace, in relationships, as parents, etc.)

**CALL TO ACTION | FORGIVENESS:** Take time to rest in the fact that you are forgiven and allow that truth to stir action in your heart! How can you thank God for His forgiveness? How can it spur you on in your day-to-day life?

6. Read Hebrews 4:14-16 and answer the following questions:
  - a. Approaching the throne of God's grace is not always our initial thought or response. Aside from approaching God's throne, where or who do we turn to when we are in need of comfort?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. Pastor John mentioned that the curtain was torn from top to bottom as Jesus died, allowing free access between God and us. With that in mind along with the verses in Hebrews, what is your response to approaching God confidently?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. Read Romans 6:15-23 and answer the questions below.
  - a. If you find yourself a slave to sin, what specifically does this passage ask you to do?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. If we have been freed from the power and hold of sin, why do we struggle with sin again and again? What practical action steps help alleviate the battle and weight of sin for you?

**CALL TO ACTION | BETTER TOGETHER:** When it comes to battling sin, we need each other to support, encourage, keep accountable, and call out areas of unhealth. This week, is there something in your heart that needs to be dealt with? First between you and the Lord, then consider: do you need accountability, encouragement, or support? Take a practical step 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?