

# WHAT IF

## SERMON-BASED QUESTIONS

FEBRUARY 12 + 13, 2022

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### MY STORY

1. What has been the best date you've ever been on and why?
2. In your opinion, what is your best quality and one that needs improvement? (If you are in a couples group, have the spouse answer.)
3. Share about a time someone helped you and cared for you in a time of need.

### IN REVIEW

If you chose to memorize the verse from last week, recite from memory John 14:6.

Did anything specific come to fruition from the question "what do you do to relationally know God better?" Was there a new spiritual habit or angle you pursued to connect with God?

### DIGGING DEEPER

4. Read Luke 10:25-37 and answer the following questions:
  - a. In the past few weeks specifically, what individual do you relate to most in this parable and why?
  - b. For the Samaritan to take care of his neighbor, he had to sacrifice his resources, time, comfort, schedule, social status. What do you struggle sacrificing in order to notice and care for your neighbor?
  - c. What attitude or behavior does God desire for you that is most challenging for you to grasp or is difficult for you to accept?

- d. In the story from above, there is tension and conflict between the Jewish and Samaritan people, which made it unlikely for them to connect and help each other. Are there certain people you find it difficult to see and to help?

**CALL TO ACTION | GOOD SAMARITAN:** How can you step out of your normal and typical “lane” this week to care for, serve, or love someone out of your comfort zone?

5. Read Matthew 16:24-26 and answer the following questions:

- a. What does it mean to deny yourself?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- b. Is there an example (big or small) of you being faithful to deny yourself in this season? Or, as of lately, is God asking you or revealing something to you in order to deny yourself and follow Him?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- c. Read verse 25 again. How are believers called to “lose their life” and what will they gain by it?

**CALL TO ACTION | DENY YOURSELF:** What is something practical that you can “deny yourself of” this week in order to know Jesus more intimately or pursue someone else’s needs above your own?

## **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?