



Discussion Questions

Trending Part # 1 – “What Had Happened Was”
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Getting Started

- What was the best, worst, or craziest trend you got caught up in when you were younger?

Discussions

- Reflect on your own life. What are some personal trends or patterns of behavior you've noticed recently? How might these trends be influencing your spiritual journey?
- Consider the trends mentioned in the message, both positive and negative. Have you observed specific trends in your local church or spiritual community? How do they align with or differ from the broader cultural trends discussed?
- Consider the factors contributing to the negative church trend mentioned in the message, such as politics, parenting, and consumer Christianity. In what ways

might these factors be influencing your own spiritual life or the community around you?

- Read Luke 9:23-24 - The message emphasizes the importance of self-reflection and individual change to impact more significant trends. What specific steps can you take in your daily life to align more closely with the teachings of Jesus, as mentioned in Luke?
- How might sacrificing personal interests for the benefit of others contribute to your spiritual growth and positively impact those around you?
- Considering the projected decline in Christian affiliation among younger generations, how can we engage and support them and contribute to creating a positive trend among the youth?
- Think about the concept of denying oneself, taking up one's cross, and following Jesus. Can you identify specific areas where you need to prioritize God's purposes over personal ambitions? What changes might this involve?
- Discuss the idea of starting a new trend in your spiritual journey. What specific habits or practices can you incorporate into your daily life to live a life worthy of the calling you have received (Ephesians 4:1, NIV)?
- The message calls for being the trend you want to see. In practical terms, what does it mean for you to be a positive trend in your workplace, family, or community? How can you actively demonstrate love, selflessness, and following Jesus this week?