What If Discussion Questions

Chapter 1

1. Do you believe God chooses people for greatness? Why or why not?

2. Why do you think people tend to resist God’s call on their lives? When have you been hesitant to embrace God’s plans for you?

3. What are some ways you can open your life to God’s call and purposes for you?

Chapter 2

1. In what ways can you relate to Job’s loss and devastation?

2. What are some of the losses you’ve experienced in your life? What emotions did those losses evoke?

3. Do you think it’s possible for good to come out of seasons of loss? What lessons can we learn about God and ourselves when we face times of adversity?

Chapter 3

1. Describe a time when you experienced betrayal. How did it cause you to question your faith?

2. Take a moment to consider the betrayal Jesus endured. How does His experience help us when we feel betrayed by a friend?

3. Have you been able to forgive the people who have betrayed you? If so, how were you able to do so? If not, what do you think is holding you back?
Chapter 4

1. Why do you think most people avoid confrontation? What are the downsides to continually avoiding confrontation?

2. Have you ever experienced a restored relationship as a result of a loving confrontation? If so, what happened?

3. Why do you think the Bible instructs us to speak the truth to others in love?

Chapter 5

1. Describe a time when someone kicked you when you were down. Why was this experience so painful?

2. What encouragement do we find in God’s Word about finding healing in Christ?

3. How would you encourage someone who has been deeply hurt to seek healing from the Lord?

Chapter 6

1. Why do we tend to have such a negative view of failure? How does our culture’s emphasis on success reinforce such a perspective?

2. How does the story about John Mark affect your view of offering someone a second chance?

3. Read Lamentations 3:23-24. How does this reminder of God’s faithfulness encourage us when we fail?
Chapter 7

1. In what ways can you relate to Paul’s struggle with a thorn in the flesh?
2. Have you ever met someone who trusted God in a profound way despite physical or emotional limitations?
3. Why do you think God allows physical disabilities and other limitations into our lives?

Chapter 8

1. Why do you think God allows difficult people into our lives?
2. When you are faced with a difficult person, how do you tend to handle the situation? Is your first instinct to turn to God or to take matters into your own hands?
3. What role can prayer play when we are dealing with a troublemaker?

Chapter 9

1. According to 1 Peter 2, what is the guiding principle for Christians in the workplace? How should we respond to those in authority over us?
2. How does viewing ourselves as servants help us when we’re faced with an unfair or disrespectful boss?
3. How does the call of Christ to follow Him equip us to navigate difficult workplace situations?

Chapter 10

1. When you are feeling threatened or afraid, where do you usually turn for courage and stability?
2. What are some promises from God’s Word that offer comfort and encouragement when we feel threatened?
3. How does our faith help us when life takes a fearful turn?

Chapter 11

1. Why do you think most people resist talking about life after death?
2. Think of a time when you (or someone you know) had to wrestle with end-of-life issues. What were your questions? What were your fears?
3. If you were to encounter someone struggling with the fear of death, how would you encourage them to come to terms with the offer of salvation in Christ?