

## Sermon Questions

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**Series: The Journey**

**Scripture: Various**

**Speaker: Mike Tatlock**

**Title: Talk #1 – Destinations**

***\*\*\* These questions are designed as a starting place for your facilitation. We encourage you to look through the sample questions and modify them to your specific group. These questions are not meant to be a comprehensive list but rather a grid to help you start thinking through the talk and how you think your group may have responded towards it. These questions will work better if you have taken notes of specific quotes, ideas and questions from what was said.***

### **What do you think?**

- Re-read together the following passages James preached through.
  - **Romans 8:29**
  - **Matthew 16:21-25**
  - **Philippians 2:1-8**
- What did God's spirit speak to your heart from the sermon and these scriptures?
- Using the illustration that life is like a highway, Mike talked about everyone's life is heading in some direction. The question is, "Is the destination of your life to conform into the likeness of Jesus Christ?"
  - When you take an honest look at the highway of your life, what things besides Jesus do you long to conform to (wealth, power, to be the best at something, successful, the one who gets the most done...)?
  - How do those desires, compete with the simple desire to just be like Jesus regardless of anything else in life? Another way to ask the question is how does your identity of "What you do" compete with Jesus' desire of "Who you are?"

### **What are you feeling?**

- "For whoever wants to save his life will lose it but whoever loses his life for me will find it"
  - This may be a difficult reminder for many of us. Continuing to evaluate your own life, what feelings are sparked up when this idea of "loosing your life for Jesus" is talked about?
  - Can you remember a season of your life when you were losing your life for Jesus and ended up finding life beyond what you expected?
- Mike talked about how God's plan for losing our lives in order to find it is found in Community. He went on to say that the suburban lack of community, within and outside of the Church, is a key factor to the lack of vibrancy in our lives and in the Church. How are you feeling about the level of true community in your lives?
- Lets have an honest discussion about how you feel this group is experiencing community and how this group is lacking the experience of community Jesus designed.

### **What will you do?**

- **LG LEADER:** Because of the nature of this talk and the call to community it would be best for you to come up with these questions of "What will you do?" You may just want to throw that simple question out to the group based on your discussion. What do they think they need to do as a group in order to take up their cross, lose themselves and find the life Jesus has for them.