

If Only - Group Questions

1. When Lazarus died both Mary and Martha told Jesus that “if only” he had been there their brother would not have died. What is a moment/time in your life when you looked at God and had the thought “if only you had showed up things would have been different? Are there specific losses during COVID (loved ones, job, community, health, etc)?
2. As you think back over the last 12 months how intentional have you been to take time to consider what you’ve lost? How intentional have you been to create space to mourn those losses?
3. Pastor Dan made the point that perhaps the reason that Christ doesn’t always quickly save us from the mess is because through it He wants to show us greater glory. Do you believe this is true? Why or why not? How might this truth change the way we approach suffering?
4. Pastor Dan said that it seems as though Martha believed that Jesus could keep bad things from happening if He was around but that He couldn’t redeem the bad things that had already happened. Do you find it easier to pray that Jesus will keep bad things from happening or that He’ll bring glory out of the bad that has already happened? Why?

Front Yard Mission Questions:

1. Do you have any “if only’s” in the context of your Front Yard Mission? If so, have you taken them before God? Do you know of any “graveyards” in the lives of your FYM that you could be agreeing in prayer with God for a greater glory to be revealed?
2. What can you do this week to love and serve your neighbors?