



## Wishful Thinking

### INTRODUCTION

We all have wish lists. But what if there are some wishes that, if we keep front and center, will make our lives better, our relationships richer and our faith journeys more exciting?

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. If you were to make a wish list right now, what would be in your top 3?
2. Read the 5 wishes on the next page. Determine which one resonates with you the most. Then, explain why you chose it and answer the question that corresponds to that wish.  
**Wish #1 Question:** Often, we already know what this courageous act is but we're hesitant to take a step. If you were to act courageously in that area of your life right now, what could change?  
**Wish #2 Question:** Is there anyone that would mention your name when they tell their faith story? Is there anyone who you hope will one day mention you when they tell their faith story?  
**Wish #3 Question:** What you do with what you have is a reflection of *whose* you are. Do your finances reflect how you follow Jesus? What step can you take next to move toward "Give, Save, Live?"  
**Wish #4 Question:** People you will never meet in places you will never visit are coming to know Jesus because you choose to give your time and finances to the local church. How has serving or giving impacted your faith and view of church?  
**Wish #5 Question:** Taking the next step in your faith, over and over, is the way for you to keep following. Do you know what your next step is?
3. Read Matthew 16:15-18. Our commitment to following through on these wishes won't only impact us. That commitment will impact the church too! How would the church in America, and our church, be different if we all courageously moved toward fulfilling the wishes we've discussed?
4. What will you commit to doing *this week* in order to turn these wishes into reality?

### MOVING FORWARD

You may never know what hangs in the balance of following the nudge you feel and taking a step of faith. You have the opportunity to be a part of something that Jesus began a long time ago – and you can courageously follow him before you believe. Until you believe. Before you have answers. As the way to find answers.

**WISH #1**

A courageous act of obedience that costs you something

**WISH #2**

The thrill of knowing you were instrumental in someone's decision to follow Jesus

**WISH #3**

The freedom and joy that comes from organizing your financial world around "Give, Save, Live"

**WISH #4**

That you could see the difference your commitment and generosity has made all over the world

**WISH #5**

Keep seeking, asking, and knocking

**CHANGING YOUR MIND**

Print or save this page to review. Reflect on one wish per day, and ask God to show you how you can engage in that wish. Ask him for what you need in order to make that wish a reality.