



# WEEK 1

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

What If...

### THIS WEEK

#### BIG IDEA

What if God wants you to meet someone's needs?

#### BIBLE

Acts 9:36–43; Isaiah 58:6–8;  
Proverbs 22:9

### ABOUT THIS WEEK

When artists paint, they're intentional about the colors they use because each one serves a purpose. This week, we'll hear Tabitha's story as we explore how we can serve our communities and let them serve us in return. We can follow her model and make a difference in the people around us because **what if God wants you to meet someone's needs?**

- What's the kindest thing someone has ever done to help you?
- What's easier for you: to ask for help or to give help? Why do you think that is?
- Do you know of any people for whom helping comes naturally? Why do you think it is easy for them?
- If someone described you like Tabitha as "always doing good and helping the poor," what kind of thing would you be involved in?
- What sticks out to you about Isaiah 58? What do you think about what Isaiah says God wants us to be concerned about? Are these things you care about?
- How do these two passages (Acts 9:36–43 and Isaiah 58:6–8) challenge your understanding of God?
- Have you ever seen one small caring action snowball into bigger ones? What happened? What would it look like for you to replicate those actions?
- What is something that holds you back from meeting people's needs? What would it look like to overcome that this week?
- Read Proverbs 22:9. Why do you think the writer says that people who meet other needs and not just those who meet their needs are happy? Have you ever experienced that to be true? What is one thing you could do to test if this is true in your life this week?
- Today, what's one step you will take toward meeting people's needs?



**INSTRUCTIONS:** As a group, rewrite Isaiah 58:6–8 in your own words. Ask each other why they chose the words they did and made the decisions that they did. What would it look like to implement those things into their lives?