

What If...God is Real?

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Most of us have played the “What If” game at some point in our lives. Kids often play with their friends. Some of you may have played the game with your own kids because they have a knack for asking “what if” questions. This weekend, at our annual Student Ministry Spring ADVANCE, we are asking “What If” questions to our students and volunteers in hopes that such questions will cause each of us to reflect on our lives and how we are choosing to live.

One of the questions we will be asking from the very beginning of our weekend together is “What If God is real?” I have no doubts that most everyone reading this would respond with, “Well of course He is real.” Well, if God is real, and we all believe He is (Gen. 1:1; Exo. 20:11; Acts 17:24), then what does this mean for our lives? Consider if you will, three things the reality of God means for our lives.

1. **What He says is true.** All scripture is given by the inspiration of God (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 1:20-21). Sometimes when people tell us certain things, we stop and wonder if what they are telling us is true. This is not the case with God. If God is real, then what He says is true, and we must take Him at His word and trust what He has said. Everything from His promises to His warnings are sure.
2. **How we live matters.** If what He says is true, then all will stand before the judgment seat of Christ and give an account for the things we have done in the body (2 Cor. 5:10). Thus, every action we engage in and every word we speak matter. Every thing we do or don't do is important if God is real.
3. **We have an eternal hope.** For Christians, the eternal hope we have changes how we live our lives. We don't have to face death with a feeling of defeat, because through Jesus we are victorious (1 Cor. 15:54-58). Every day we wake up, no matter what we face, we have hope.

Friends, God is real and what an impact that has on our lives. We don't have to live our lives thinking, “What if God is real?” Instead, we can live our lives believing, “Because God is real” we know what He says is true, how we live matters and we face every day with an eternal hope.