

A Message from Our Pastor

Hello everyone!

We've observed a wonderful beginning to our Easter season together and now our "What If?..." initiative is upon us. I am excited to embark upon this conversation with each of you and can't wait to see what food for thought (and action) comes from it.

If you haven't signed up to participate, it's not too late! You can do so by replying here. OR for that matter, it isn't even necessary to sign up, just join us!

The purpose of this message is to help set out some of the practical and logistical issues of the month - the where, when, and how of the program. All of the information here will be discussed again at our Kick Off this **Wednesday, April 4 at 6pm in the Chapel on campus at FBC**. You may also attend online via Facebook Live @ the FBC Rochester Facebook page by [clicking here](#). This first gathering will include soup and salad beforehand **at 5:15pm**.

If you have no need to go over this information more than once, feel free to stop reading here. We'll chat on **Wednesday**. Note however, if you like planning ahead, there will be a bit of information below that will allow you to get a jump on some of the logistics for the month.

As you know, "What If?..." is primarily an initiative that will ask you to make a change in the world utilizing \$100, which you will be given as a participant, AND a collective conversation about that initiative. The conversation will have three phases. Two of those three are scheduled during normal church program times (**Wednesday Bible Study, 6pm**; and **Sunday Forum 11:15am-ish**; childcare provided for both).

The third phase is a strategy session, an opportunity to get together in small groups to discuss and problem solve our action plans. Since these sessions will be largely off-campus (with some exceptions) and will require a bit of extra communication, we're asking that you sign up for these sessions where possible by [clicking here](#) or by calling the church office @ **585.244.2468**. This will allow us to manage the size of these conversation groups as well as communicate any late breaking updates or changes.

The location and address for each strategy session is included in the sign up form. The location and address for each strategy session is included on the sign up form and we will be adding additional sessions as we move through the month of April. Information on any additional sessions or any changes to an existing session will be made available at www.fbcrochester.net/whatif.

One final component of the program is for you to tell the story of your "What If?..." journey. You'll be invited to write it down or record it (audio or video) later in the month. To cultivate these stories we will utilize a closed Facebook group just for this program. You'll be able to upload photos, videos, text, or audio. Each participant will be added to that group following our Kick Off. For those who cannot or prefer not to use facebook, the church office will be available to help include your story among the others. These stories will be used to help us tell a collective story about what happened during our "What If?..." conversation and what we learned that might impact our days ahead.

I look forward to starting the conversation on Wednesday!

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