



## DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Icebreaker -

*In the spirit of St. Patrick's Day this week, would you rather color your hair neon green for the rest of your life or only have one eyebrow?*

As you work through this week's discussion, it will be helpful to read the story of Naaman's healing in [2 Kings 5:1-19](#) as you get started.

1. When was the last time life threw you a *Really?* and what was the result?
2. Is it harder to accept life's *Really?* moments when it's from an unexpected source or if people confront us with one? Explain.
3. As Pastor Tom described the king's reaction to Naaman's request, he said, "If God isn't at the center of your life...you'll view things people say to you almost always in a negative way." In what ways have you seen these tendencies in yourself or someone close to you and what has been the outcome?
4. Naaman did not initially respond well to Elisha's servant when God answered in a *Really?* about his healing. As Pastor Tom showed, "Disobedience to God's guidance/truth...didn't change Naaman's condition." When challenged in what seems to be a *Really?* from God, how do you respond?
5. When have you seen a genuinely humble attitude help you have an open heart and mind to God's answers in your life?

Day One: [Matthew 20](#)

Day Two: [Genesis 20](#)

Day Three: [1 Corinthians 4](#)

Day Four: [Titus 2](#)

Day Five: [Job 20](#)

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## PERSONAL GUIDE



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## "REALLY?"

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Note [Mark 10:27](#)

Note [2 Kings 5:2-3](#)

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