

## What If?

Well, we finally have a new website, and I'm excited about the opportunities and possibilities that come with it. As I was thinking about what kind of website we wanted, I thought, "What if no one ever looks at or uses the site? What if I'm just wasting my time working on this?" I can't help but be amused by the irony found in the possibility of no one reading an article I write about no one using the website. Ok, maybe it's not that funny.

Anyway, here's my point – There are many things we do as individuals and even as the church about which we wonder, "What if no one cares?" What if no one cares if we are trying to live the right kind of life? What if no one cares about what the Bible says? What if no one cares that Jesus came to this world to die for the sins of all mankind? What if, what if, what if . . . ?

"What if?" is a reasonable question to ask, but what if all we ever asked ourselves was "What if?" You see, "what if" never did anything. It has been paralyzed by insecurity, fear, and pessimism. It has caused good people to be intimidated by the rejection of others and has even caused once very active Christians and churches to "close up shop" due to discouragement. Quite sad, isn't it?

What if Jesus had obsessed over the question of "What if?" Can you hear Him asking, "What if everyone does not follow me?" or "What if the people want to kill me?" or even "What if some reject me as their Savior?" I can't hear Him saying those things either. We all should be very thankful that Jesus was not stopped by a case of the what-ifs. Instead of being a man of doubt and dissuasion, He was a man whose example and words taught action. How well do we display our discipleship when we are plagued by asking "What if?"

Rather than worrying about all the what-ifs of life, maybe we should just follow Jesus and do what is right. God's people do what is right regardless of who joins them. God's people do what is right regardless of what the masses might say. God's people just do what is right . . . without all the what-ifs.

I hope this website is a useful tool to all those who access it. I hope that both South Green Street and our youth group grow spiritually and numerically. I hope that all of the Lord's church comes closer to fulfilling the mission Christ left for us. I hope more people respond to God's grace by wearing Christ at all times. But WHAT IF none of these things happen? Well, then so be it. I, for one, will do my best to keep doing my best. I hope you will too.