

# Whatever It Takes

## Assess The Situation (Week 1)

### LifeNotes

## TALK IT OVER

### Main Idea

Whatever it takes starts with assessing the situation.

### Key Scriptures

*A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. So many gathered that there was not room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. Some men came, bringing to him a paralytic, carried by four of them. Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus and, after digging through it, lowered the mat the paralyzed man was lying on. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." Mark 2:1-5*

*Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Will he not first sit down and estimate the cost to see if he has enough money to complete it? Luke 14:28*

*Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Will he not first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? Luke 14:31*

*In the same way, any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple. Luke 14:33*

**When our desire for what could be, overwhelms our distaste for what is, we will do whatever it takes.**

### What you can do:

#### **1. Be here.**

Attend each Sunday of the series.

#### **2. Get in a LifeGroup.**

Join a group and ask where/how you can serve.

#### **3. Pray for our leaders.**

For civil leaders and church leaders.

### Start talking.

- Describe someone who was willing to do whatever it takes.

### Start thinking.

- Read Mark 2:1-5. What were the conditions on the ground that the men needed to assess before attempting to bring their friend to Jesus?
- What would have been the result if they didn't understand the challenges facing them?
- Read Luke 14:28-33. What is the overarching principle that Jesus is calling disciples to follow?

### Start sharing.

- Consider the phrase, "Ready, aim, fire." Which of the three do you lean toward? Example: Do you lean toward preparation or action?
- What stood out to you from the comments made by the Mayor and Chief of Police?
- As you think about our community, what needs do you see?

### Start doing.

- Who are some other leaders in the community you could reach out to in order to better assess the situation?
- Use this link and sign up to volunteer for the Westminster Harvest Festival: <https://harborchurch.life/harvest-festival>

### Closing prayer.

Jesus, help us to understand the needs of our community. Give us the passion and commitment to do whatever it takes to make you tangible in the lives of others. Help us to ask the right people the right questions, then to move forward in faith and love.