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# SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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1. Have you ever tried to eat a strictly vegan or vegetarian diet? Why or why not?
2. Did you grow up in a religious home? If so, do you look back on it with fond memories? If not, what was your family's attitude towards religion in general?

Read Matthew 9:9-13

3. What problems arise when religion becomes an end unto itself?
4. What are the benefits of healthy, life-giving, Jesus-centered religion?
5. Why is mercy more important than offering sacrifices?
6. What does it mean to “cherry pick” the Bible?
7. What can we learn from the life of St. Francis of Assisi?
8. What is an act of mercy you can put into practice this week?