

Wanting and Becoming

This sermon explores the incisive question Jesus often asked people: "What do you want?" It delves into the complexity and vulnerability of naming what we want, and it emphasizes the importance of prioritizing Jesus as the ultimate desire of our hearts. Finally, the message highlights how difficult it is to become a Christ-follower until we want Jesus most.

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1. If you found yourself in an unexpected conversation with someone you just met, what's one deep or personal question you might ask them to quickly get to know them better? Follow up: How comfortable are you with introspection and examining your deepest desires?
2. **Read Mark 10:46-52.** What resonates with you the most from this story? Why do you think Jesus often asked the question, "What do you want?" What does this reveal about His approach to discipleship? Follow up: If Jesus directly asked you that question today, how might you respond and what would it reveal about your desires or priorities?
3. Drew noted that we have **COMPLEX HEARTS**. Share an example from your own life where you thought you wanted something, but upon getting it, it didn't satisfy you the way you expected. What did that experience reveal to you about the complexity of human desires?
4. Drew also pointed out that Satan tries to *muddy the waters* by getting us to want the wrong things or becoming preoccupied with obtaining what we want in the wrong way. When have you wrestled with misplaced or disordered desires? What helped reorient you towards wanting the right things in a Christlike manner?
5. **WHAT WE WANT DETERMINES WHO WE BECOME.** In what ways is this true? With that in mind, Drew mentioned the importance of prioritizing Jesus as the core want of our hearts (**see Matthew 13:44-45**) How can we practically ensure that Jesus holds the primary place in our desires amidst life's distractions and competing priorities?
6. **WHEN WE WANT JESUS MORE, WE WANT OTHER WANTS LESS.** When have you experienced that to be true? Follow up: What are some practical ways we can "**feed the Spirit and quench the flesh**" as Paul instructs in **Romans 8:5-6**?
7. Drew pointed out that "*We can have other wants, but they must be subservient to your core want.*" What are some desires or aspirations in your life that you need to prioritize under your core want for Jesus? Follow up: What is one practical step you can take this week to align your wants with Jesus as your core desire?

