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<b>TITLE</b>	What Do You Want?
<b>SERIES</b>	It's natural to ask Jesus a lot of questions. But what if we flip the script? Let's stop to consider some of the challenging questions Jesus asks us in the Bible.

Our God-given imagination is a powerful tool. Today we begin a new series where we will explore the questions Jesus asks in the Bible. Let us imagine we have an opportunity to take a long walk with Jesus in our favorite park. The weather is warm and the sounds and smells of spring are in the air. As we walk along, Jesus turns to us, smiles, and asks a question...

1. Why do you think the practice of Rabbis and teachers was to respond to questions with questions? How does this type of response benefit the asker? Why is it important to understand what a person wants or needs? How does what we ask for reveal who we are and what we need?
2. David made the statement, "What I want is why I am here today" as an indicator of our participation in a worship service. Why do you participate in worship services?
3. Read John 1:35-42. When John the Baptist sheds light on the Person and identity of Christ as Messiah, what was the two disciples' response? What was the likely condition of their hearts and minds to be able to immediately start following behind Christ? What were they looking for, what did they want?
4. Read Mark 10:35-45. James and John treated God like a "cosmic vending machine." How often do you treat Him that way? How do Jesus words offer you hope to stop? What do you think should be your first step toward stopping?
5. David described how we are "imprinted" by what is downloaded into our lives by the world. Read 2 Corinthians 5:21, John 10:10, and Psalms 37:4-6. As an initially fallen people group who is susceptible to sin, what does Christ say about what we are to Him as His people in light of what He's done on the Cross? What should our response be? What should we want?
6. Read Matt 13:44-46. David taught that these verses describe someone who is sold out for Jesus. What does being sold out for Jesus mean? What power has He given His people that enable them do to this? Do you really believe that it is possible to head in this direction as a believer? Why or why not?
7. As a group discuss why we have so much trouble choosing what we want and committing to follow through on those choices? How can we use our prayer and quiet time to help us to be more focused in what Jesus wants us to want?

Our walk in the park with Jesus has given us pause to examine our hearts. This is painful at times, but we are assured by Jesus' love for us. Holy Spirit recalibrate our longings to become more like Christ!