



Seeking the Giver not the Gifts

Mark 1:35-45

When You Pray, "Jesus, I Want What You Want," ask...

- What do I really want?

- What does Jesus want for me?

Jesus wants you to be satisfied with Him.

Getting Started: How do you react when you get caught in a crowd (rush hour, Christmas crunch, or other traffic)? Where do you go to get alone and meet with God?

Digging In: After a day like Jesus had in vv. 30-31, what pressures could He feel as a new day dawns? What might He pray about? How might this relate to His decision in v. 38? As Simon, how do you feel about that decision? What would you say is the conflicting motivation between Jesus and Simon Peter? What is significant about the leper asking Jesus to heal him? What do you think the leper told other people about Jesus? How might it compare with the message Jesus was preaching (see Mark 1:14-15)? Why does the leper's report negatively affect Jesus' ministry?

Living It Out: In your experience, how do actions on behalf of God and meditation with God affect one another? What would it mean for Jesus to "touch" you? How will you pray differently this week when you say, "Jesus, I want what you want"?



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