



WHAT DO YOU WANT?

Sermon Discussion Questions

What Do You Want? // John 1:35-39

- Pastor Joey said “‘what do you want’ can be one of the most dangerous questions you’ll ever be asked.” Do you agree? Why or why not?
- Some people struggle with knowing what they want; others struggle with not spending all of their energy on getting what they want. Which end of the spectrum do you gravitate toward?
- Tell of a time when you struggled to recognize what you wanted, or a time when you struggled to let others’ wants be more important than your own.
- Have you stopped to consider what Jesus is asking of you when he asks you — just like the two men on the road — “What do you want?”
- Pastor Joey said that in the “I Am” statements of Jesus, we peel back the layers to see the “want behind the want, the desire underneath the desire.” Which of the “I Am” statements do you think hits most closely to your heart’s deepest wants?
- In John 8:58-59, Jesus responds to a challenge by claiming for himself the name of God, “I AM.” How would you describe the meaning and history of that name?
- Do you agree with the quote Pastor Joey shared, that “the terrain of our interior life is a wilderness of wants”?

- The greatest news of all is that the deepest desire of our hearts isn't for a thing, it's for a person; things don't chase after you, but people do. How will you see Jesus chasing after you during this series?
- End your discussion time with this prayer from Scottish pastor John Baillie:

"Almighty and Eternal God,
You are hidden from my sight;
You are beyond the understanding of my mind;
Your thoughts are not like my thoughts;
Your ways are past finding out.

Yet you have breathed your Spirit into my spirit;
You have formed my mind to seek you;
You have turned my heart to love you;
You have made me restless for the rest that can be found in you;
You have planted within me a hunger and a thirst that make me long for the eternal satisfaction of heaven" (Baillie, John, "A Diary of Private Prayer (Updated and Revised by Susanna Wright)," Scribner, 2014, 15).

