



When Jesus Asks You: What do you want?

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Small Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion.
Expect God to move through your time together!

Pacing Your Group

Move quickly through "observation" leaving enough time for "reflection", "discussion", and "surrender."

Scripture Reading

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

Observation: *What does this scripture passage say?*

***Take some time to look up and read out loud together:* John 1:35-39; Mark 10:35-52**

1. Who were the two disciples following before Jesus, and what was it that made them leave him to start following Jesus in John 1:35-39?
2. What did the son's of Zebedee want Jesus to do for them in Mark 10?

Reflection and Discussion: *What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures?*

How do the scriptures connect to everyday life.

3. In John 1 the declaration of John that Jesus was "the Lamb of God" held some historical and cultural significance to Jewish people. What Old Testament parallels does that title point us to?
4. Jesus asks a pointed question in response to James and John's request: "Can you drink from the cup that I drink?". And they answer "We can!". What does it mean for us to "count the cost" of being a Jesus follower?
5. James 4:2-3 tells us that God does not answer selfish prayers. John and James' request was selfish as evident by Jesus' teaching to the other disciples' responses. How can we pray in such a way that we are checking our motives in requests?
6. Jesus asked the blind man a question that feels silly: "What do you want me to do for you?". What about Bartimaeus' shouts to Jesus indicate that there was more behind a simple desire to be healed? (Hint: "Son of David...")

Surrender: *Responding to God's voice.*

7. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?

**** Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today ****

We're here!

We would love to hear about how things are going in your life group!
Reach out any time with questions, ideas, thoughts, or concerns.

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