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### What Do You Want From Jesus?

Mark 10:32-52

Series: Getting In on the Good News

The Gospel of Jesus Christ According to Mark

### Central Passage

**Mark 10:42–45 (NIV)** — *42 Jesus called them together and said, “You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. 43 Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, 44 and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. 45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”*

**Central Thought:** We get in on the Good News when we allow Jesus to open our eyes so that we can follow him in the way of sacrificial service for the good of our neighbors, rather than the path of personal salvation and self-promotion.

### Jesus Asks; “What do you want me to do for you?”

- ❖ James and John: “Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory.”
  - Thinking they can “see,” the disciples’ question is ego driven and worldly wise.
    - They want salvation without suffering and status without service.

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❖ The blind man: “I want to see.”

- Knowing he is blind, Bartimaeus calls out to Jesus from a place of desperate physical need and callous social isolation.
  - He then follows Jesus out of gratitude and with joyful abandon.

### In a time of fear and isolation, what do we want Jesus to do for us?

- ❖ Jesus calls us to the kingdom ethic of servant-leadership and sacrificial love as the way to security and “greatness.”
  - We find our good when we follow Jesus in seeking the good of all.
- ❖ Are we willing to admit our “blindness” and submit to the way of Jesus for the glory of God and the good of our neighbors?

**Revelation 3:15–18 (NIV)** — *15 I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! 16 So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth. 17 You say, ‘I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.’ But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. 18 I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see.*

**Romans 13:8–10 (NIV)** — *8 Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. 9 The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not steal,” “You shall not covet,” and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” 10 Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.*

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