

WHAT DO YOU WANT?

MATTHEW 20:17-34

"What is it you want?" (v. 21)

Matthew 16:21-22; 17:22-23; 18:2; 23:11; Mark 9:35;
John 13:3-5, 12-17; Philippians 2:3-11

"What do you want me to do for you?" (v. 32)

Matthew 4:23-24; 8:1-3, 5-10, 13-17; 9:2-7, 18, 23-25;
9:20-22, 27-30, 35; 10:1, 8; 12:9-13, 15, 22; 13:58;
14:14, 35-36; 15:21-28, 30-31; 17:14-20; 19:2; John 5:5-6

TRANSFORMED BY THE TRUTH

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

1. If God appeared to you in a dream and said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you," what would you ask for?
2. Read Matthew 20:20-21. Do you think ambition is a good thing or a bad thing? Why? Does it matter whether our ambition is focused on this life or the next one? Why or why not?
3. Read Matthew 20:25-28. How would you summarize Jesus' teaching about how to achieve greatness in God's eyes? What are some practical ways that you can follow the example of Jesus in being a servant to others?
4. Read Matthew 20:29-34. Do you believe God still answers prayers for miraculous healing? Have you ever seen Him do it? If so, how?
5. What are some ways God might answer our prayers for a miracle without giving us exactly what we ask for?