

“What do you want?”  
(Mark 10:35-45)

This passage describes two contrasting events:

In the first event, Jesus **rejected** a request. In the second event, Jesus **granted** a request.

First Event:

- James and John, the sons of Zebedee, asked Jesus to hear their request.
- Jesus asked, “**What do you want me to do for you?**”
- They selfishly asked for the seats next to Jesus so that they will receive glory.
- The request was rejected

Second Event:

- A blind man (“two blind men” according to Matthew) asked Jesus for mercy.
- Jesus asked, “**What do you want me to do for you?**”
- The blind man asked Jesus to open his eyes so he could see.
- The request was granted

Lesson: Jesus wants us to be aware what we want.

- In these events, Jesus asked “What do you want?” (10:36, 51)
- Not because He needed information, but because He wanted them to be clear what they were asking for.
- He does not promise to answer selfish prayers, but does provide what we need.
- If you ask Jesus to help you believe in Him, then He will help you believe!

Two more lessons from the second event:

1. Jesus wants us to come to Him. (Mark 10:49)
  - If we want to go to Jesus, **nothing** can stop us.
2. Jesus cares for us. (Matthew 20:34 (parallel passage))
  - Jesus cares for us with **compassion!**