

Series: Follow
Sermon: I Want to Want
November 26, 2017

Have some fun...

1. When do you put up your Christmas tree?
2. If you could eliminate one weakness or limitation in your life, what would it be?
3. If you had an unlimited shopping spree at only one store, which one would you choose? Why?
4. How much trouble did you get into during your school days? Explain?
5. Who is your best friend? Describe them to the group.

Overview of Follow – Sermon 6 “I Want to Want” (Read Aloud)

Most of us don't become Christians with the intent of following Jesus. We become Christians because we are told obedience pays and disobedience doesn't. We become Christians hoping that spirituality will fill the holes in our souls. We become Christians hoping God will fix us. Eventually, our agendas clash with Jesus' agenda, and we have to decide whether we'll abandon him or follow.

Talk About It

1. If you had to tell someone about the *Follow* series, what would you tell them?
2. What is your favorite hobby/activity? How many hours do you spend during your week doing that hobby/activity?
3. How would you describe a great life?
4. Do you believe that following Jesus can make your life better here on earth?

The Source

John 10:10

1. List 3 things God wants? List 3 things God wants for you?
2. Many Christians think that heaven is the goal; therefore, we have to “settle” here on earth? Do you agree? What does this verse have to say about life here on earth?

Mark 10:17-31

1. What kind of agenda do you think this man had in coming to Jesus?
2. What agenda did Jesus have for this man?
3. Has your agenda ever clashed with God’s agenda for your life?

Matthew 26:1-16, 47-50; 27:1-5

1. What kind of agenda do you think the disciples had for Jesus? (Matt. 26:8)
2. They knew Jesus was the Messiah, but what kind of Messiah were they hoping he would be?
3. What kind of Messiah are you hoping Jesus is? Describe the kind of Messiah you want? Need?
4. Does it surprise you that Judas would turn Jesus over to the authorities?
5. As you learn about Judas and his life, do you see any similarities between your life and Judas’?

Make It Practical

1. The following progression of a Jesus follower was described in relation to our desires versus God’s desires:
 - A. I don’t want what God wants.
 - B. I want God to get me what I want.
 - C. I want what God wants, but I want what I want now.
 - D. I want to want what God wants.
 - E. I want what God wants.
2. Which phrase best describes where you are in following Jesus?
3. What steps do you need to take to move toward “wanting what God wants”?

4. What would it mean for you not to settle in your life as a Jesus follower?

Pray Together

1. Pray the following as a group... "God, I really do want to want you. God help me to want to want you."