

# The Essence

*Part 16: The “What is” of Prayer | Speaker: Pete Briscoe*  
*Sermon Questions for 6.4.17*

## Opener

Have you had a moment in your life that the “what abouts” (conjectures and concerns) have kept you from enjoying “what is”?

## Read

1 John 5:13-17; John 7:16; 14:13-14; 15:7; 16:24; Ephesians 3:17

## Engage with God in a Group

- What are some of the “what abouts” of your faith that have caused you to miss “what is”? How can you delight in the “what is” about that? (Example: the sovereignty of God)
- Do you struggle with prayer? List some of the “what abouts” that have taken the legs out from under your prayer life.
- Why is it so difficult to remain in the “what is” instead of getting caught up in the “what abouts”?
- What would it look like to take your “what abouts” to God and simply pray, “Thy will be done”?

## Bottom Line

True prayer is asking God for what he wants.