

LIFEgroup Discussion Questions

November 4, 2018

Treasuring Jesus:

Text: Luke 18.35-43

1. As you begin, what is the setting of the Scripture text?
2. What is the state of the blind man? What is his response when he hears that Jesus is passing by? Was the blind man subtle in his calling out? How does Jesus respond to him?
3. Why is this man so desperate to have Jesus' attention? Do you believe that Jesus is able to change you and heal you like this blind man did? Do you go to God in desperation or habit and duty?
4. What does Jesus want us to bring to Him (1 Peter 5.7)? Do you ever feel like you have a problem, but it's too small or maybe you believe it is just want to big and involved? What does Jesus want us to do with those needs, problems or concerns?
5. What do we see about care and compassion in this text? How do we show this to others?
6. Contrast this story with the story of the rich young ruler (Luke 18:18-30). What are the differences in attitudes? What are the differences in their social classes? How do they each respond?
7. How is the blind man's call similar to the tax collector's sin Luke 18:12-14? What do these comparisons tell us about the proper attitude we are to have? Do you have this attitude toward God on a daily basis? Why or why not?
8. What is the response of the blind man to his healing? Why does the blind man do this? Do you have this attitude toward Christ? Why or why not? What does his reaction display to the others around? Do you allow yourself to be a light to others around you?
9. How is discipleship pictured in this text (18.43)?
10. What blinds the lost from seeing the light of the gospel (John 1.5; 3.19; 2 Corinthians 4.3-4; Luke 19.42)? What shall we do as a result if we are lost OR on behalf of those we know who are lost?
11. How does this Scripture give us a preview of the kingdom to come (Isaiah 29.18)? The kingdom is coming – let's be ready!

Pray. Pray for the group that first, all would no longer be blind, but know Jesus by grace through faith. Then that as those who see we would be people of care and compassion like Jesus and that we would be actively living as a disciple who follows and glorifies God.