

PERSONAL REFLECTION

READ 2 Timothy 2:1-7, 14-19. The Apostle Paul is writing to his young pastoral protege, Timothy, seeking to equip him as a pastor within the church. In these opening seven verses, Paul uses the imagery of being a "*good soldier*," "*athlete*," and a "*farmer*," each demonstrating qualities necessary for faithful service. How do you see Timothy being challenged? Then, in verses 14-19, Paul further describes the importance of faithfully handling God's Word and serving Christ with integrity. Which of these images, qualities, or postures do you need to pay closer attention to in your own walk with Christ this week?

PRAYER ITEMS:

WEEKLY BIBLE READING PLAN

From the READ SCRIPTURE app, Available for both Android and Apple devices.

In the **READ SCRIPTURE** app, be sure to set your start date for January 1, 2026 in the app settings, and follow along with us!

November 22: 1 Thessalonians 3-4 | Psalm 16
November 23: 1 Thessalonians 5 | Psalm 17
November 24: 2 Thessalonians | Psalm 18
November 25: 1 Timothy 1-2 | Psalm 19
November 26: 1 Timothy 3-4 | Psalm 20
November 27: 1 Timothy5-6 | Psalm 21
November 28: 2 Timothy 1-4 | Psalm 22

WALKING with JESUS

Matthew 20:20-21:11 | **Two Brothers Who Cannot See**
Pastor Justin Carruthers | November 22, 2026

THE HEART OF THE MATTER (REVISITED):

- Jesus is addressing our love of _____, and our lack of _____

Psalm 121:1-2, Psalm 46:1

- To ask to _____ with Jesus is to ask to _____ with Him

- God _____ the proud, and _____ the humble

WHO REALLY SEES JESUS FOR WHO HE IS

1. The blindness of _____

Matthew 18:4, Isaiah 35:3-5

2. The sight of _____

Matthew 21:11, Matthew 16:13-17

3. We are more intent on treating Jesus as our _____ than our _____

THE CALL OF OUR LIVES

- Not just _____, but _____!

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LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. If there was a museum dedicated to your life, what three items would be in the gift shop? Why those three?

2. As we wrap up this season of Life Groups, what is a moment in your group that you are grateful for?

QUICK REVIEW

1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

2. Pastor Justin referred to these three moments: (1) James and John saw Jesus, but they were blinded by their ambitions. (2) The two blind men couldn't see Jesus physically, but recognized Him as the Son of David. (3) The crowds welcomed Jesus but struggled to understand what kind of King He was. Which of these three responses do you most identify with?

READ SCRIPTURE

READ Matthew 20:20-21:11

1. How does this passage highlight God's presence in our world?

2. What does this passage say about our broken human condition?

3. How does this passage call me to make change in my life?

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DIGGING DEEPER

1. READ Matthew 20:25-28. Jesus commands us to take on the posture of a servant, and a slave; it's not about having authority or being great. What do you find challenging about this image of being a servant, or slave to others?

- READ Matthew 5:20, 2 Corinthians 5:21, & 1 John 2:29. We don't get "*right with God*" (or gain "*righteousness*") by serving others, but the way we live and treat others ought to reflect the good work God has done in us through Christ. How does this change the way you understand Christ's call to live as He did?

2. READ Matthew 20:29-34. Matthew sets up this episode in order to contrast the previous two brothers with these two blind men. What do you understand to be Matthew's goal here?

- READ 1 Peter 2:21-25. Jesus' example of suffering and service challenge the way we think about greatness in His kingdom. Have you seen anyone in your life live this way? What about that example stands out to you?

3. READ Matthew 21:6-9. This moment is usually explored on Palm Sunday, yet we're in it a week before Advent. What makes this passage relevant as we prepare to celebrate Christ's first coming? How does it paint a picture of the kind of victory Jesus came to accomplish?

- READ Romans 8:37, Philippians 4:13, & 1 John 5:4. Christ has secured victory over sin and death, and we share in that victory through Him. What in your life might need to shift, to look more like Christ on a donkey, rather than Christ on a stallion?

TAKING IT HOME

READ Zephaniah 9:9-10, & Matthew 21:10-11. The townspeople, while having access to the prophecies that Jesus would be the King they've been looking and hoping for, only see Him as a prophet, missing the image of His victory. How can we guard ourselves and our communities from missing the significance of Christ's arrival and ministry as we enter this Advent season?