



Kingdom Come: Sight to the Blind

LUKE 18:35-42 | APRIL 30 & MAY 1, 2016

As Jesus continues his journey to Jerusalem he finds himself in position to teach and heal given the people and circumstances he encounters. In Jericho, he encounters a beggar whose concern is not food or money, as it might normally have been. When Jesus walks by, he seeks something that he knows Jesus can offer – to be healed of his blindness and see.

WITH THE GROUP



LEARNING | BEGINNING TO CONNECT WITH THE TOPIC

Which of your 5 senses do you think you would have the hardest time living without? What would be some of the things you would be limited in, miss and find difficult?



LEARNING | GETTING CLEAR ON WHAT WAS TAUGHT

What does it mean to see and not understand? Can you think of an example in your own life where you failed to understand until more was revealed?

What is meant by Isaiah's prophecy in Isaiah 61:1-3 or by Jesus' embrace of these words in Luke 4:14-21? What is Jesus' goal and mission in ministry? To what extent does this color the heart and activity of your own life?



LOVING | GROWING OUR HEART FOR A LOVING GOD

What part of the sermon most challenged you, encouraged you or inspired you to move deeper in your faith?

Debate this question about God and his love, as well as considering what difference the answer might make: Is God concerned that the blind man see?



LIVING | STARTING TO LIVE LIKE JESUS DAILY

In Acts 3:1-10, Peter and John encounter a crippled beggar asking for money. Look at their response and consider how they were able to do what they did? (Consider Acts 4:13, what was remarkable about Peter and John?) How did seeing help their response?

Building further on the above: To what extent does love require "seeing"? Where is better "eyesight" received?

DIGGING DEEPER

What do you make of the passage in Ephesians 6:12? To what extent is our seeing/understanding enhanced by this verse – even though we are not "seeing" anything?

GRADUATE LEVEL

2 Kings 6:8-17 tells the story of Elisha and his servant. Daniel 10 tells the story of Daniel's prayer and God's response (Note: Daniel 10:12-13) from 21 days earlier (before Daniel understood). What do these passages mean and what should we understand? Would your answer help you understand the fuller situation of Exodus 17:8-16? What do these stories prompt in you?