

Sunday Message: May 16, 2021

Meet Jesus | What Do You Want Me to Do for You?, Luke 18:35-43

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Reflection Questions

1 Spend some time reflecting on the deepest desires of your own heart. What are they? Why is each of these things so important to you?

2 In Luke 18:41, Jesus directly asks the blind beggar: “What do you want me to do for you?” Understanding that he cares also for you in this way, how might you respond to Jesus’ same question to you? Spend some time conversing with Jesus over your own desires. Make it an ongoing conversation this week.

“What do you want me to do for you?” - Jesus

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The primary translation used on Sunday mornings is the ESV. The corresponding notes in the ESV Study Bible are helpful when reflecting on the questions below.

For an excellent study resource consider buying Grant Osborne's user-friendly commentary on Luke: Grant Osborne, *Luke Verse by Verse* (Bellingham: Lexham Press, 2018).

Text Exploration Questions

Read Luke 18:35-43. Take notes or discuss using the questions below.

- Describe the scene and setting of these verses.
- What do you think about the way the crowd refers to Jesus and the way the blind man refers to Jesus? Similarities or differences? What does the blind person's reference to Jesus tell us about his belief and trust in the person of Jesus? (see also 1:27, 32; 2:4; 3:31; 20:41). What does it mean that Jesus is the Davidic Son?
- How does the response of the crowd contrast Jesus' words and actions (Luke 18:39-40)? Go deep with Danny's related question, "Why are we as humans so prone to silence toward those in the most need?" What does the attitude of the crowd tell us about the value and worth they placed on the blind beggar? Process your answers and relate them to your understanding of God's mercy toward us and your attitudes toward others, especially as it relates to how you see people versus how Jesus sees people.
- How does the blind beggar's cry for help indicate a need for spiritual healing? How are mercy and salvation related?
- In what ways does Jesus' question, "What do you want me to do for you?" asking for a faith response?
- How are social concern and compassion care related to the person of Jesus (Christology). In other words, what do physical healings reveal about Jesus? See Isaiah 61:1-2; Luke 4:18; 7:18-23.
- Note Luke 18:43. Jesus has healed the man who cries out for mercy and acts in faith. What is significant about his response to the healing in terms of how he acts and speaks? How does "followed and glorifying" indicate the blind beggar's commitment to be a disciple?

*"To be a disciple is to identify as a follower of Christ.
Discipleship is learning how to live as a follower of Christ." -Pastor Danny*