

Discussion Guide

Luke 18:35-43 — “What Do You Want Me to Do for You?”

1. Describe the blind man. His life, his position, how he's seen by others, his attitude, his character.
2. The blind man comes to Jesus with nothing to leverage. Earlier in the chapter the rich young ruler had something to lose and could not let go of it. What is the difference between coming to Jesus desperate for one thing and coming to Jesus to add him to the things you already have?
3. How would you describe the faith of this blind man? How might you seek to emulate that sort of faith yourself?
4. Jesus asks the man the question, “What do you want me to do for you?” What is the one thing right now that you most need from Jesus, the thing that, if you're honest, you are desperate for? How do you talk to God about it?
5. What is the equivalent, for you, of the rich young ruler's wealth: the thing you are quietly unwilling to let go of, that keeps your desperation for Jesus divided rather than total?
6. Faith in this passage is not effort or earning. It is total dependence with empty hands. Where in your walk with Jesus have you been trying to bring something to offer him, rather than coming with nothing and trusting his mercy alone?
7. This man's desperation came from utter need, not strength. What false strength or self-sufficiency might be standing between you and that same kind of desperate, all-in cry to Jesus right now?
8. Following Jesus cost this man nothing he wasn't glad to lose, but it will cost the rich young ruler everything he wanted to keep. As a group, what would it look like this week to respond to Jesus the way the blind man did rather than the way the rich young ruler did, naming one concrete step each person will take?
9. Who in your life will be encouraged or challenged by this story? What is one takeaway you could share with them from what you have learned?