

The Kingdom of God
Lesson 24: The Blind Man Meets The Light
LifeWalk Leader Guide

Open/Icebreakers: Do you know anyone that is blind? What specific challenges do they face? What would it have been like to be blind in the time of Jesus? Could blindness define your life or who you are? How so?

Digging In: Luke 18:35-43

1. What stood out to you most after reading this text? Can you identify with a particular character in this account? Why?
2. How do you envision this scene unfolding? Talk about the behavior of the blind man. Why did He behave this way?
3. Does verse 39 disturb you? Who were the ones “leading the way?” Why were they leading the way? Why would they feel like they would need to rebuke this man? What do you think they were saying? How does Jesus respond? What do we learn from this?
4. Why did Jesus ask, “What do you want Me to do for you?” Shouldn’t Jesus already know what the man wanted? What do we learn from this?
5. Contrast Verse 43 with Verse 34. Is Luke trying to get a point across when he tells the story of the Blind Man?
6. Can our own “agenda” get in the way of someone receiving healing from Jesus? How?

Reflection:

1. What lesson(s) do we learn from the blind man?
2. Contrast this account with the rich ruler’s question in verse 18. Jesus seems to respond differently. The rich ruler asks, “What must I do,” while Jesus says, “What do you want Me to do for you?” What lesson(s) can we learn from this?
3. Can you think of any situation(s) today where someone could be seeking healing from Jesus but somehow we are getting in the way or rebuking the person instead of making it easier for them to see Jesus? Share your thoughts.
4. Think about this quote from Ghandi. “I like your Christ. I do not like your Christians. Your Christians are so unlike your Christ.” What do you think about this statement?

Prayer: Holy God, give us ears to hear you and eyes to see you. Break down the barriers that keep us from connecting with you in passionate relationship. Help us to help others to see You. Move our hearts to love and service. We love you God.