Community Group Discussion Guide

Sunday, May 26, 2024

Scripture: Luke 18:35-43



THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

By healing a blind man who believed he was the prophesied King of kings, Jesus illustrates that salvation is an act of God's mercy and grace toward sinners.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION (Use along with Reading: Ante Faciem Dei)

- 1. What time of year is it when Jesus journeys to Jerusalem, and why is this significant?
- 2. Explain how Jesus' miracles validate his kingship.
- 3. Why does the blind man address Jesus as he does? What does this messianic title mean (Luke 1:26-27, 32-33; 2 Samuel 7:8-16)?
- 4. How is Jesus unlike the past Kings of Israel that came before him?
- 5. Contrast this blind beggar with the other characters of chapter 18.
- 6. Along with admitting Jesus' kingship, what else did the blind man see and acknowledge about Jesus with his request (verse 38)?
- 7. Are you resting in God's mercy daily, whatever the circumstances of life? Are there people you know who need to hear the message of God's mercy and grace in Jesus?
- 8. Do we give verbal ascent to Jesus' Lordship or remain quiet when given the opportunity? What does the request reveal about Jesus?
- 9. How did the man respond to the restoration of sight? Who else received the benefits of this man's healing (verse 43)?
- 10. What is glory, and how do we glorify God (Isaiah 43:6; Psalm 96:3; 1 Corinthians 10:31)? How is God's glory our benefit?
- 11. Discuss how this passage is a picture of salvation.
- 12. What was the source of this man's healing? Explain how this man's faith was the instrument, not the object, of his healing (Ephesians 28-9; Phil 1:29).