Sermon Notes

Topic: "Faith: The Way to Healing"

Bible Passage: Luke 18: 35-43

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Study Guide Overview

- Not having the ability to see brings great challenges (v35)
- But it is far worse, being spiritually blind (v38-39)
- In humility, we have access to Jesus the Great High Priest (v36/v40)
- For such faith brings healing (v41-42)
- And as a result, our hearts are full of praise (v43)

Small Group Questions/Discussions

This guy was doing it tough. No social welfare or government support. All He could do was beg. Do you sometimes feel overwhelmed by life's challenges? How do you respond when everything seems to be against you?

This blind beggar had a sense of expectation. Jesus could restore his life. He cried out help me. Do you find it easy to ask for help? Do you cry out to God?

There were others there that day leading the crowd who didn't know they were blind. Spiritually they had scales over their eyes. They assumed two things about Jesus which were totally untrue. Jesus would be a military leader physically restoring "David's Kingdom" and as result they assumed Jesus wasn't interested in a blind beggar. Share in the group what you see as most important to Jesus. Are these things central to your expectations of a life of faith?

This man could not be kept quiet. He knew his only hope was in Jesus. Do we sometimes take our eyes off Jesus and chase after substitutes that will satisfy us. What does that look like for you?

Jesus asked the man what he wanted. The man was focused – "I want to see." How can this help us focus our own prayer life? Asking for what we want can be dangerous, at other times, it would bring great pleasure to God. What makes the difference? Faith brings healing. In what ways does faith bring "spiritual" healing? How is this healing, or this awareness of what God has done, enable us each day?

The man said I want to see. Why is that a good example for us to follow and what things do you need to see? Discuss in your group all the things that we need to see, that enable us to live out our lives as disciples of Jesus?

Yes, Jesus healed the man's sight. But was that the greatest thing that happened to him? How does this help us see that we are to praise God at all times?