

## PCC

4.10.22

### Catch Up

Spend some time catching up as a group. Use the following question as a guide:

**1. Share about a time that you felt disappointed or let down by God.**

Now transition to the main discussion by answering this question:

**2. Thinking back on Sunday's teaching, what stood out as being particularly comforting, challenging, or confusing?**

### Dive In

Have someone read [Matthew 20:29-34](#) and then discuss the following questions:

**3. What stands out to you about this story of Jesus? What details do you notice about the blind men, the crowd, and Jesus himself?**

- Even though OT law provided for the needy in Israel, few holy men would have anything to do with beggars. They feared they might be made unclean if they associated with beggars. These two “low-lives” were among those whom the Son of Man had come to serve.
- The crowd rebuked the men, telling them to be quiet, lest they disturb the important holy man. But these were desperate men. No social taboos would rob them of this opportunity for healing.
- Jesus wanted the men to verbalize their faith in him. They stated their deepest desire: we want our sight.

**4. Why do you think the blind men address Jesus as “Son of David,” and why do you think they asked Jesus for mercy? How would you define God's mercy?**

- The request of the two blind men showed humility and trust. They trusted Jesus to do something no one else could do or would imagine. To present a true, honest, gut-level request like this before Jesus took a tremendous amount of trust. Being healed from our spiritual blindness and receiving spiritual sight demands the same kind of trust. It requires us to humbly and honestly confess to God our own great needs.

**5. Of all the miracles He could have performed, why might Jesus have chosen to restore physical eyesight just before He entered Jerusalem and went to the cross?**

- Jesus' restoring sight to the blind is a symbolic healing meant to demonstrate what's about to happen. The blind men can't physically see, but they can spiritually "see" who Jesus really is and what he's come to do.
- The people shouting and cheering Jesus on during his Triumphal Entry, on the other hand, could physically see, but they couldn't spiritually "see" who Jesus really is and what he's come to do.

**6. In what ways can you relate to the blind men in this story? Share about a time when you experienced God's mercy. How did this affect your relationship with Him?**

**7. Were Jesus to come to you right now and ask, "What do you want Me to do for you?" how would you respond?**

Now read [Psalm 118:1-9](#) and discuss the following questions:

**8. What stands out to you from this Psalm? Why do you think the psalmist repeats the phrase "his loyal love endures forever" four times in verses 1-4?**

- The phrase "loyal love" or "steadfast love" refers to God's covenant faithfulness. The phrase would have reminded Israel of the many ways God has been true to His promises to Israel through the ages. The phrase acknowledges that Israel's victories and blessings are not the product of their own skill or power, but the result of God's faithful covenant love. Any blessings that Israel experienced were owed to God's faithfulness and not Israel's.

**9. In this season of your life, what are you petitioning God for? What are you praising God for?**

### **Practice**

Spend the last few minutes praying for and encouraging one another.