



SERMON STUDY GUIDE

“Matthew 20:29-34” on May 13 & 16, 2021

CONNECT

How did last week’s passage we read/discussed from Matthew 20:17-28 affect your week?

DISCOVER: MATTHEW 20:29-34

1. What did the passage say (in your own words) or did you take away from the sermon this week?
2. How does this passage or did the sermon point you to Jesus (teach us about Jesus)?
3. Did you find anything challenging about this passage (words you didn’t understand, phrases that didn’t make sense, etc.)?

MATTHEW 20:29-34 The story of Jesus healing the blind beggars on the road from Jericho to Jerusalem allows us to look at many aspects of our walk with Jesus – how we are recognizing our need for Him, calling out to Him, responding to Him, and following Him. It allows us to examine our own spiritual blindness and our perspective on how we see ourselves and others, revealing the effects a lack of humility can have on our willingness to walk in His presence!

THE STORY

- Matthew chose to tell of two examples of Jesus healing two blind men. Looking at Matthew 9:27-31, compare and contrast the interactions and responses of the blind men and Jesus in the two examples, and consider why Matthew placed each story where he did in his gospel account. What do we learn about Jesus from this?
- The blind men were told (in Mark’s and Luke’s accounts) that it was Jesus of Nazareth approaching, but they addressed Him as Lord, Son of David....why do you think they were able to see what others didn’t?
- When you think of Jesus, how do you address Him?
- When you cry out to Jesus, do you find you ask Him to fix your symptoms and circumstances, or ask Him to allow you to see the way He does? What stands in the way of your asking for healing and being willing to come to a point of complete humility and surrender to remove that obstacle to knowing, understanding, and walking with Jesus?

SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS:

- Jason compared the stories of the Rich Young Ruler and the Two Blind Men in terms of what each asked for, how Jesus spoke with them, and then what each man chose as a response. Which of these stories describes you or someone your circle of influence? What do we learn from these stories?
- Jason asked a series of questions which allow us to examine our own spiritual blindness: **How well do you SEE? How do you see YOURSELF? How do you see OTHERS? How well do you see your PURPOSE? How do you see NATURE?**
- Looking at this list, which ones are most challenging to you right now? What do you learn from this?
- Examine this for yourself or someone you know: Considering a) your recognized NEED for Jesus, b) the tension between your desire to control or surrender to His control, and c) your battle with pride and humility, how would you describe your “Primary Posture in the Gospel?”
- If Jesus were to ask you the question He asked the blind men – “What do you want Me to do for you?” – how would you respond?

RESPOND

- How does this passage encourage you, challenge you, or change you in your efforts to become more like Jesus?
- What is one thing you learned about yourself from God’s Word? How will you respond in obedience this week?
- Who is someone you can have a conversation with about what Jesus is doing in your life or invite to join you at a CU Church gathering.

PRAY

Pray for each other and spend time praising God. Pray that he will show you how to better love God and love people.



CHURCH

LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE

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“Matthew 18:21-35” on April 8th and 11th, 2021