

## Questions for eGroup Discussion

# *Crazy Desperation*

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### How to Use This Guide in a Group Setting

**Group Participants:** Review your notes from the message and ask the Holy Spirit to continue to speak to you about your life. Come to eGroup prepared to participate. Watch the message online if you missed it live.

**Group Leaders:** Give everyone the chance to share, focusing on the questions that connect most with your group. Don't feel you must answer every question. If someone missed the message, allow time for others to fill them in on the main points and highlights.

## Getting Started

Describe a time when you've been desperate for something to occur.

What was this experience like for you at the time? How about now, as you consider this?

## Embrace the Gospel

In our eGroup discussion guides, we're utilizing a simple structure for studying the Bible together, based on the acronym S.O.A.P. ...

**Spirit:** *Invite The Holy Spirit To Speak To You and To Guide Your Discussion*

Begin by praying and inviting the Spirit's activity into your discussion and application of God's Word.

### Observation: *What Does This Passage Say?*

Read aloud Luke 18:35-43.

What stands out to you, intrigues you, or causes some push-back for you from these verses, or from Pastor KJ's message on these verses this weekend?

What do these verses teach us about Jesus' priorities and the nature of faith?

What would you be thinking and feeling if you were the blind man in verses 35-36? How about in verse 37?

What's significant about how Jesus is described in verse 37, and how the blind man addresses him in verse 38?

What else strikes you about the blind man's response to Jesus and the way that Jesus engages with him?

What do His followers still fail to see about Jesus in verse 39? (compare to 18:15)

## Embrace the Gospel Continued

How do we see a shift in their response between verses 39 and 43?

Why do you believe Jesus asks the blind man such an open-ended question in verse 41 in response to his obvious need, and after he asked specifically for Jesus' mercy (verses 38-39)?

What are the implications of this open-ended question for us today?

### **A**pplication: *What Is God Saying To Us/Me?*

What did you most need to hear or be reminded of this week in the message or your eGroup discussion?

If Jesus asked, "*What do you want me to do for you right now?*" what would you say?

What would be the toughest thing for you in making this request, and how would you be feeling in doing so?

## Experience the Spirit

### **Prayer:** *Ask For God's Help In Living Out His Word*

As you pray for one another this week, begin by praying for places people long to see Jesus work, specifically where there are areas of desperation, a need for faith, and feelings of inadequacy in the life of eGroup members.

When you're done, spend time praying for general needs and concerns for one another.

## Engage in Mission

It's our desire that every individual and eGroup at Christ Community make a difference by compassionately moving outward toward people who are lost, needy, and broken, demonstrating the love of Jesus in highly relational ways. From time-to-time there are opportunities for eGroups to join together in doing this. Here's such an opportunity:

One of our eGroups is interested in partnering with a couple of other eGroups in supporting a once-a-month breakfast for people in need in our community. This other CCC group has been preparing/supplying egg casseroles, muffins, fresh fruit, waffles, etc. for the breakfast for several years. If another eGroup or two would be interested in coming alongside them to assist in preparing egg casseroles, it would be a real blessing. These new groups wouldn't necessarily have to come and serve at the monthly breakfast, but that would certainly be welcome as well. The breakfast is served at Abundant Life Church, diagonally across from Sunrise/ Archibeque Park in Greeley on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month.

For information, please contact Laura Ehrlich, the eGroup point leader on this outreach and the egg casserole need, at [lehrlich@eaton.K12.co.us](mailto:lehrlich@eaton.K12.co.us) or 970.302.6103.



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