

Staying Focused by Faith to get my Breakthrough Personal or group-based guide for additional study

Opening Prayer (5 minutes)

Begin by asking God to open hearts and minds to receive what He wants to teach through this discussion.

Ice Breaker (10 minutes)

Question: Share about a time when you had to stay focused on something important despite distractions. What helped you maintain your focus?

Sermon Review (10 minutes)

The Breakthrough Series Recap:

- 1. October 26 Believing God for a breakthrough
- 2. November 2 Praying for breakthrough (Peter in prison)
- 3. November 9 Protecting your breakthrough (full commitment)
- 4. November 16 Enduring to finish the race
- 5. November 23 Staying focused by faith

Discussion: Which of these five messages resonated most with you personally? Why?



Key Scripture Discussion (15 minutes) Luke 18:35-43 - The Blind Beggar

Read the passage together, then discuss:

- 1. What stands out to you most about the blind beggar's approach to Jesus?
- 2. The crowd told him to be quiet, but he cried out louder. What does this teach us about pursuing our breakthrough?
- 3. Jesus asked, "What do you want me to do for you?" even though He already knew. Why do you think Jesus wanted the man to verbalize his need?

Deep Dive Questions (20 minutes)

On Faith and Focus:

- 1. Defining Your Breakthrough
 - What specific breakthrough are you believing God for right now?
 - Can you articulate it as clearly as the blind man did ("I want to regain my sight")?
- 2. Identifying Distractions
 - What are the "voices in the crowd" trying to silence your faith right now?
 - These might be: well-meaning people, fear, past failures, circumstances, doubt
- 3. The Five Conditions Honestly assess yourself in each area (scale of 1-10):
 - Believing Am I truly trusting God for my breakthrough?
 - Praying Am I consistently praying about it?
 - Commitment Am I fully committed to following through?
 - Endurance Am I willing to endure the process?
 - Focus Am I maintaining focus despite distractions?



Key Takeaways (10 minutes) Three Main Points from the Sermon:

- 1. Stay Focused on What You Want from Jesus
 - The blind beggar knew Jesus as "Son of David" (Messiah), not just "Jesus of Nazareth"
 - Know who Jesus really is to you personally
 - Be determined to get Jesus' attention
- 2. Don't Let Others Stop You from Getting to Jesus
 - Satan will use people (even well-meaning ones) to discourage you
 - Push through opposition: P-U-S-H = Pray Until Something Happens
 - Your breakthrough may depend on your persistence
- 3. Know Exactly What You Want from Jesus
 - Be specific in your requests
 - Speak it out loud by faith
 - Your faith activates your breakthrough

Memorable Quote:

"Faith is what gets you into the door. Trust keeps you in the door, and waiting allows you to get your breakthrough."

Practical Application (15 minutes)

This Week's Challenge:

1. Write It Down (Do this together if possible) Complete this statement: "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me. I want to ______."

Be specific. Write down your breakthrough request.



- 2. Daily Declaration Commit to declaring your breakthrough out loud once daily this week, even if you don't see it yet.
- 3. Identify and Address Distractions
 - List three things that are pulling your focus away from God
 - Create a plan to minimize or eliminate these distractions
 - Share your plan with at least one accountability partner
- 4. Testimony Preparation Start writing your testimony now—in advance—of what God is going to do. Practice praising Him before you see the breakthrough.
- **5.** Faith Action What is one practical step you can take this week that demonstrates your faith in God for your breakthrough?

Accountability Questions (10 minutes)

Partner up (groups of 2-3) and ask each other:

- 1. What is one specific way I can pray for your breakthrough this week?
- 2. What might cause you to lose focus this week? How can we help?
- 3. Are you willing to share your breakthrough testimony with the group when it happens?

Exchange contact information and commit to checking in mid-week.

Reflection Questions for Personal Time

- 1. Have I been letting Jesus "pass me by" in any area of my life?
- 2. Am I mixing what I hear from God's Word with faith, or just hearing and walking away?
- 3. What past breakthrough has God given me that I need to testify about?
- 4. Who in my life needs to hear about God's faithfulness?



Closing Activity (10 minutes)

Group Prayer Focus:

Go around the circle and have each person share:

- 1. Their specific breakthrough request (in one sentence)
- 2. One way they will stay focused this week

Then pray together, with each person praying for the person on their right, specifically mentioning their breakthrough by name.

Memory Verse for the Week

Hebrews 11:6 "But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him."

Before Next Week

- Journal about any progress, insights, or challenges in staying focused
- Note any "crowd voices" that tried to silence your faith
- Record any evidence of breakthrough (no matter how small)
- Be ready to share testimonies at your next meeting

Closing Prayer: "Lord, we thank You that You are passing by with breakthroughs for each of us. Help us to stay focused, to cry out persistently, and to refuse to let anything silence our faith. We declare that we will receive our breakthrough because we trust in You. In Jesus' name, Amen."