

## Sermon Discussion Questions

Reality In Sight: Luke 18:35-43

### Start with your need.

*35 As he drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging.*

- 1) C.S. Lewis said, "Pain is God's megaphone to speak to a deaf world." How has this been true in your life?
- 2) What need (or pain) is God using in your life these days to draw you to Himself?

### Insist on Jesus.

*36 And hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what this meant. 37 They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." 38 And he cried out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"*

- 3) What are some other ways that people respond to their pain instead of going to Jesus?
- 4) When you don't seek God in the midst of your pain, what do you tend to do? What (or whom) do you go to in an attempt to deal with the pain?

### Give up on pleasing others.

*39 And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"*

- 5) We read that the blind man "cried out all the more." Why do you think he did this? Do you think it was hard?
- 6) How have you been discouraged from seeking Jesus? What did you do about it?
- 7) Is there anyone in your life these days who is discouraging you from seeking God and living all for Him?
- 8) What are you doing (or can you do) to make sure that you keep seeking God despite the rebuke from others?

### Hold onto hope.

*40 And Jesus stopped and commanded him to be brought to him. And when he came near, he asked him, 41 "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me recover my sight."*

- 9) How do you think the blind man felt when Jesus stopped and commanded him to be brought to Him? Explain.
- 10) How do you think the blind man felt when Jesus asked, "What do you want me to do for you?" Explain.
- 11) If Jesus asked you that question right now, what would be your answer?

### Thrive by faith.

*42 And Jesus said to him, "Recover your sight; your faith has made you well." 43 And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.*

- 12) A great theologian once said: "Jesus doesn't always give us what we ask for; He gives us more." Do you agree? Explain.

### Closing Questions:

- What stood out to you the most from this message and/or discussion?
- What would you say is the key application for you this week?