

Group Discussion Guide

Luke 18:35–43

Bold Faith



About This Week's Message:

A blind beggar sits by the roadside, desperate and overlooked. When he hears that Jesus is passing by, he cries out with raw, unfiltered faith: *“Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”* Though the crowd tries to silence him, he refuses to stop. Jesus hears, calls him near, and restores his sight—not only physically, but spiritually. Immediately, the man follows Jesus, glorifying God, and others join in praise.

This story reminds us that Jesus stops for the overlooked, responds to desperate faith, and brings light where there was only darkness.

Goals of This Week's Discussion:

- See how desperation can lead us into deeper dependence on Jesus.
- Confront the ways culture silences faith and learn to cry out anyway.
- Celebrate how Jesus restores sight—physically, spiritually, and eternally.

Connections with the 7 Marks of a Jesus Follower:

- **Stand in Awe** – Marvel at Jesus' power to heal and restore.
- **Live Free** – Receive mercy and walk in newness of life.
- **Share Your Story** – Like the beggar, testify to God's work so others glorify Him.

Starter Questions:

- Have you ever been in a place of desperation where you knew only God could help?
- Why do you think the crowd wanted the beggar to stay quiet?
- What do you learn about persistence from this story?

Read Luke 18:35–43 – The Blind Beggar Receives His Sight

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

Discussion:

- What does the beggar’s persistence teach us about faith?
- Why do you think Jesus asked, “*What do you want me to do for you?*”
- How does this story reveal both the compassion and authority of Jesus?
- In what ways have you experienced “sight restored” spiritually?

Key Insight:

Desperation became the doorway to transformation. Faith refused to stay silent, and Jesus responded with mercy and healing.

Going Deeper: Opposition & Opportunity

The beggar faced resistance from the crowd, but that resistance only deepened his determination. Sometimes the voices around us (and even inside us) discourage us from seeking Jesus boldly.

- What “crowd voices” try to silence your pursuit of Jesus today?
- How can opposition actually become an opportunity for deeper faith?
- What happens in a community when we celebrate God’s mercy together?

Key Insight:

The very place of resistance became the stage for God's glory.

Applying the Text:

- Where do you need to cry out for Jesus' mercy in your life right now?
 - Do you sometimes let shame or others' opinions keep you from calling on Him?
 - How can you step into the role of encourager instead of silencer for others in need?
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Practical Challenge:

- This week, pray with the same desperation as the beggar: direct, persistent, and full of faith.
 - Identify one area where you need spiritual "sight" restored. Bring it honestly before Jesus.
 - Share your testimony with someone—what God has already opened your eyes to.
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Pray:

- Thank Jesus for stopping and hearing our cries for mercy.
 - Confess the times you've been silent when you should have called on Him.
 - Ask for spiritual sight, bold faith, and a heart that glorifies God.
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Key Verse:

"Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" – Luke 18:38