

Luke 18: 31-43



The Text – Luke 18:31-43

1. Read Luke 18:31-34. Why do you think the disciples were confused by Jesus words? What do you think it means that Jesus' meaning was *hidden* from them?
2. Read Luke 24:13-21. What does this suggest as the possible reason why the disciples didn't understand Jesus' words?
3. Read Luke 18:35-43. What do you think is the significance of the blind man calling Jesus Son of David? How does this contrast with what the followers of Jesus call him?
4. Skim back over Luke 18:1-30. What parallels do you see between these parables and the story of the blind man? What do you think is the significance of this?
5. How does the blind man respond after he is healed? How do Jesus' other followers respond to him?
6. What contrast do you think is being made between Jesus' disciples and the blind man? What do you think Jesus was trying to show his disciples?

The Scriptures – Luke 18:31-43 as a portion of the Scriptures

7. Read Isaiah 29:13-19. In what ways were the disciples and Jesus' followers like the clay in this passage? How does Jesus fulfil verses 17-19 in this story?
8. Read the account of this healing in Mark 10:46-52. What differences do you notice in these accounts? What do you think these differences suggest about the intention of the two authors?

Our lives – walking the way of Jesus in response to Luke 18:31-43 as a portion of the Scriptures

9. What do people in our society expect God to be like and to do? What false expectations do we sometimes place on God?
10. How do these expectations create blindfolds to seeing God's kingdom?
11. Jesus uses a nameless, blind man to show people a glimpse of God's kingdom. Where might God be using things our world has rejected to show us his kingdom?