

Matthew: Recovered Their Sight

Discussion Guide for July 18 and 19, 2026

Summary

As Jesus leaves Jericho on His way to Jerusalem, two blind beggars cry out to Him, "Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!" (Matthew 20:29-34). Though the crowd tries to silence them, they cry out all the more. Jesus stops and asks what they want. Moved with compassion, He touches their eyes. They immediately recover their sight and follow Him. Their story teaches us that truly seeing Jesus is a matter of spiritual sight, not physical sight. These physically blind men saw who Jesus was, while the religious leaders with perfect vision remained spiritually blind. How clearly do we see Jesus?

Ice Breaker

Have you ever needed glasses, contacts, or some other correction to your vision? Describe the moment you first realized you couldn't see clearly and what it was like when your sight was corrected. What had you been missing?

Key Verses

1. Matthew 20:29-34
2. Isaiah 35:5-6
3. Matthew 5:8

Discussion Questions

1. The blind beggars recognized Jesus as the Messiah, while the religious leaders who saw His miracles rejected Him. What does this teach us about the difference between physical sight and spiritual sight?
2. The sermon gave four ways to grow spiritual sight: reading God's Word, praying for open eyes, praying for a pure heart, and being in community. Which needs the most attention in your life, and what's one step you could take this week?
3. Jesus stopped for two beggars society looked down upon. Who are the overlooked people in your world, and how can you stop for them the way Jesus did?
4. Jesus asked, "What do you want me to do for you?" If He asked you that today, what would you ask for — and what does that reveal about who you believe He is?
5. The healed men immediately followed Jesus, unlike the rich young ruler who walked away. When God has worked in your life, how have you responded?

Life Application

This week, take an honest inventory of your spiritual sight. Set aside time each day to read God's Word and pray specifically that the Holy Spirit would open the eyes of your heart, reveal blind spots, and give you an undivided heart focused on Him. Then look for "God sightings" every day — an answered prayer, an insight from Scripture, a testimony, a sunset — and thank and praise Him for each one. Finally, find one person in need this week and stop for them the way Jesus stopped for the blind beggars.

Key Takeaways

1. Truly seeing Jesus is a matter of spiritual sight rather than physical sight. It is possible to have 20/20 vision and still be completely blind to who He is.
2. We grow our spiritual sight by engaging God's Word and praying for open eyes and a pure heart. We also grow by living out our faith in community.
3. We are to pursue Jesus persistently; like the blind men who cried out all the more, we refuse to be silenced or discouraged.
4. God's people serve those in need. Jesus stopped for the lowly and the marginalized. When we serve the least of these we serve the King Himself.
5. When Jesus works in our lives the right response is to follow Him with worship and surrender.