



Good Shepherd
Sermon-Based Study Guide
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I. Introduction to this Study

As Jesus continues His journey toward the cross, He encounters two men back-to-back: a blind beggar and a wealthy tax collector.

At first glance, they could not be more different. One is visibly broken—poor, blind, and completely dependent on others. The other is outwardly successful—rich, powerful, and socially connected, though deeply disliked.

But underneath the surface, both men share the same condition: they are lost. One knows it and cries out. The other has built a life that hides it, until Jesus calls him down from the tree.

In both encounters, Jesus does more than meet a need. He exposes the heart and brings real transformation.

II. Connecting with One Another

Which is easier for you: Admitting you need help or maintaining the appearance that you're doing fine?

Why do you think that is?

III. Study the Text

Read Luke 18:35–43

- What do you notice about how the blind man approaches Jesus? What drives his persistence?
- Why do you think the crowd tries to silence him? Where do you see that same pressure today?
- The man calls Jesus "Son of David." What does that reveal about his faith or desperation?
- Jesus asks, "What do you want me to do for you?" Why make him say it out loud?

Read Luke 19:1–10

- What stands out about Zacchaeus before Jesus ever speaks to him? What might be going on beneath the surface?



- Why is it significant that Jesus calls him by name and invites Himself over?
- The crowd grumbles. What assumptions are they making about who deserves access to Jesus?
- Zacchaeus responds by giving away his wealth and making restitution. Why is this the evidence of real change?
- Jesus says, “Today salvation has come to this house.” What has actually changed—externally and internally?

Compare the Two Encounters

- The blind man is obviously needy; Zacchaeus is not. Why is that difference important?
- How are both men actually dependent, just in different ways?
- The blind man cries out publicly; Zacchaeus climbs quietly. What do these approaches reveal about the human heart?
- One receives sight; one gives away wealth. Why does following Jesus look different for each of them?
- In both stories, Jesus “sees” the person fully. What does that tell us about how He engages people like us?
- Jesus says He came “to seek and to save the lost.” Based on these stories, who is truly lost?

IV. Reflect and Respond

- Where are you more like the blind man—aware of your need and crying out to God?
- Where are you more like Zacchaeus—functional on the outside but avoiding what’s underneath?
- What might you be using to hide your need? (success, control, busyness, image, money, competence)
- If Jesus were to stop and ask you, “What do you want me to do for you?”—what would you actually say?
- Is there anything in your life that following Jesus would require you to give up or reorder? What is it?
- What would real transformation look like in your life—not just internally, but visibly?

V. Prayer

Spend time in prayer together:

- Ask Jesus to show you where you are blind—even in ways you’ve been avoiding.
- Thank Him that He sees you fully and still moves toward you.
- Confess any ways you’ve tried to manage your life instead of depending on Him.
- Ask for the courage to respond like the blind man (honest need) and Zacchaeus (real change).
- Pray for a faith that doesn’t just receive from Jesus, but is willing to reorder your life around Him.

