

2026-05-17 Discussion Questions

In Mark 8, Jesus heals the blind man in two stages, first causing him to see people as trees. What does this teach us about how we currently see the people around us, and how might God need to touch our eyes a second time?

The rich man passed by Lazarus at his gate every day without truly seeing him. Who are the people we regularly step over or look past in our daily routines, and what prevents us from engaging with them?

Abraham tells the rich man that his brothers have Moses and the prophets, yet they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead. How does this challenge our assumptions about what it takes for people to truly believe and change?

The sermon suggests that we often see people based on what they can do for us rather than what God can do through us for them. How does this self-centered perspective hinder our ability to love our neighbors sacrificially?

James 1 says those in humble circumstances should take pride in their high position, while the rich should take pride in their humiliation. How does this challenge the American cultural values we hold about wealth and poverty?

The preacher admits struggling with how much is enough when it comes to giving to people in need. What biblical principles can guide us in determining when and how to give sacrificially without enabling dependency?

If we will give an account for every word we speak, might we also give an account for every dollar we spend? How would viewing our finances through this lens of eternal accountability change our spending habits?

The sermon challenges us to ask God if each person we encounter might be a divine appointment rather than an interruption. What would change in

our daily lives if we approached every interaction with this mindset?

Paul teaches that we should present ourselves as living sacrifices and be transformed by the renewing of our minds. What does it practically look like to die to ourselves and allow God to revolutionarily change how we think and see?

The rich man only recognized the true value of eternal things after it was too late to change his circumstances. What steps can we take now to ensure we are investing in what truly matters before our opportunity passes?