

## BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, February 15, 2009

Passage: Luke 18:31-43

Memory Passage: Luke 24:45

**TODAY:** *From your study this past week, what is one thing that impressed you that can be of help in your life?*

### DAY 1 – PRAY FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE WHOLE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 18:31-33.** Looking back to the previous verses, what is the connection between them and this passage?
- (b) What does Jesus say will be accomplished according to the prophets? Look up Isaiah 50:6; Isaiah 53 and Psalm 2. Write down what verses mention predictions that are made in verses 32-33.
- (c) Looking forward in Luke to the account of Jesus' arrest and death, what verses confirm these predictions (you will have to go to Mark and Matthew for a few).
- (d) *Think about it:* What does it mean to you that Jesus predicted His death and resurrection? Why is this important?
- (e) *Family:* Read Luke 18:31-33. Look up the verses from the Old Testament above. Look up the passages where these were fulfilled. Talk about how Jesus fulfilled every Old Testament prophecy. Discuss the importance of this with them. Thank God for sending His Son and for showing His power through the fulfillment of these prophecies.

### DAY 2 – PRAY FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE WHOLE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 18:34.** Why did the disciples not understand Jesus' prediction? Was Jesus unclear?
- (b) Read Luke 24:27, 44-47. What does this teach us about the understanding of scripture?
- (c) *Think about it:* Have you ever shared the gospel with someone and they just didn't seem to comprehend what you were saying? How does this passage affect the way in which you share the gospel?
- (d) *Family:* Read Luke 18:34. Talk about the inability of the disciples to understand. Read Luke 24:27, 44-47. What does this passage say about how we come to understand Scripture? Pray that the Lord would open up your mind to understand His truth (do this every time you read scripture).

### DAY 3 – PRAY FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE WHOLE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 18:35-43.** Contrast this story with the story of the rich young ruler (Luke 18:18-30). What are the differences in attitudes? What are the differences in their social classes? How do they each respond?
- (b) How is the blind man's call similar to the tax collector's sin Luke 18:12-14?
- (c) *Think about it:* What do these comparisons tell us about the proper attitude we are to have? Do you have this attitude toward God on a daily basis? Why or why not?
- (d) *Family:* Read Luke 18:35-43. What differences arise from this story and the story of the rich young ruler? What does this story teach us of our attitude toward God? Talk about your own experiences in calling out to God and how this is important daily. Pray that God would humble you and see your need of Him just like the blind man.

### DAY 4 – PRAY FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE WHOLE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 18:35-43.** What is the state of the blind man? What is his response when he hears that Jesus is passing by?
- (b) Was the blind man subtle in his calling out? How does Jesus respond to him?
- (c) What does Jesus say that made the man well?
- (d) *Think about it:* Why is this man so desperate to have Jesus' attention? Do you believe that Jesus is able to change you and heal you like this blind man did? Do you go to God in desperation or habit and duty?
- (e) *Family:* Read Luke 18:35-43. Talk about the blind man's position in life. What did he do when he heard Jesus was coming by? Why would he do that? Do you believe the same thing about Jesus? Talk about why we need to be like the blind man. Pray that the Lord would make you aware of your own sinfulness and be willing to call out for mercy to Jesus.

### DAY 5 – PRAY FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE WHOLE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 18:35-43.** What is the response of the blind man to his healing? Why does the blind man do this?
- (b) Do you have this attitude toward Christ? Why or why not?

- (c) What does his reaction display to the others around? Do you allow yourself to be a light to others around you?
- (d) What is ironic about this comparison? What should this teach us about relying on our own abilities and intellect?
- (e) *Think about it:* Are you a light to others around you? Would anyone be amazed at Christ's work in you?
- (f) *Family:* Read Luke 18:35-43. What is the response of the blind man to his healing? Why does the blind man do this? Do you have this attitude toward Christ? Why or why not? What does his reaction display to the others around? Do you allow yourself to be a light to others around you? Pray that you would be overwhelmed by the mercies of God and be an example like the blind man was to the crowds.

**DAY 6 – PRAY FOR INSIGHT**

**READ THE WHOLE PASSAGE**

- (e) *Think back through what you have learned each day this week.* What has been convicting to you this week? Are you the blind man who understands his need of a savior? Are you an example to others around you? Do you understand the scriptures or are you without understanding?

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***The Blind Will See***

*“When they saw it, they gave praise to God”*