

They did not grasp what was said

Luke 18:31-43 // Pastor Todd Dugard

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Open Up

Have you ever failed to see the obvious? How did you feel after you realized you had missed seeing what is now totally apparent?

Dig In

How can I keep from missing what Jesus is doing? (v. 34)

- Why do you think the prophets took care to write down what the Son of Man (Jesus) would do long before it would happen?
- How are you paying close attention to what is written in Scripture about what Jesus has yet to accomplish?
- Why is it uncomfortable for us when God keeps part of his plans “hidden” while talking openly about his promises in Scripture? How do we get used to serving a God who doesn’t always make his plan obvious to us?
- What does minimizing the violence in the Gospel story protect us from feeling? How can the violence be overstated at times?
- Why do we need to see Jesus’ suffering as part of the good news?
- Why did the blind man call Jesus the Son of David while calling out his request for mercy?
- How would you respond today if Jesus were to ask, “What do you want me to do for you?”
- What kind of need (physical, mental, emotional, spiritual) do you have that Jesus wants to address? Are you bold in your request for mercy in that area? What happens if you play to the crowd and keep quiet about it?
- How did the blind man who sat begging all day know that Jesus was interested in showing God’s mercy while others (the ones who told him to be quiet) did not?

Break Out

Jesus has come to deliver God’s mercy to people who have faith enough to ask. What situation in your life needs mercy today? Consider the broken parts of your physical, mental, emotional and spiritual life as you pray together.

