

Sermon Questions

June 30, 2024 | Scripture: Matthew 20:29-34 (What do you want me to do for you?)

Pre-study: 3 things from the sermon. *Note down 3 ideas, illustrations, quotes, or points that made an impression in the sermon.*

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- 3.

Core Questions

1. The blind men repeat the same request twice. What are the parts of their request? What does each part teach us?
2. When Jesus heals with just a word (cf Mt 8:5-13, 9:1-8), we are reminded that this is the same God who creates and upholds by his powerful word (Ps 33:6, Heb 1:3). What about Jesus is emphasized in this healing? Consider especially verse 34.
3. Compare Jesus' question to the men in verse 32 with his question in verse 21. What attitudes towards God does each response show?

Inward Grace in Action

4. Read the quotation from Larry Crabb in the box below. Compulsive behaviors like drinking, excessive gaming, or persistent isolation, and broken ways of seeking connection like pornography, casual sex, and serial unhealthy relationships can be ways to soothe this feeling of a hollow core.

Observe where these or other hijacked desires are present in your life, and hear Jesus asking you: *what do you want me to do for you?* Respond by asking him.

Outward Grace in Action

5. The crowd following Jesus rebuked these men for their presumptuous, disruptive approach to Jesus. Jesus' first response is to stop and ask them what they want him to do for them. He meets their need, and then they follow him and begin to learn. What can we learn from this?

WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Reflect on these

Scriptures:

- Deuteronomy 28:28-29
- Lamentations 4:12-17, 5:21-22
- Isaiah 29:18, 35:5, 42:16-21
- Acts 9:8-19
- 1 Corinthians 13:12
- James 1:22-25
- Revelation 3:17

Serve: Step into someone's needs with compassion and proactivity this week.

Pray: Ask the Lord to open our eyes to see the world as he does.

Reach out if you need assistance:

- Call our church office at 703.821.0800
- Request aid from our Deacons' Fund: deaconsfund@mcleanpres.org

Each of us has a "Hollow Core" in our personality, a central part that is empty but yearns to be filled... It is either the place where God's Spirit fills us with a vital, rich life, or it becomes a monstrous power that relentlessly controls the core direction of our lives.

Larry Crabb, *Understanding People*