

Sermon: Healing for Our Blindness.
Series: Luke: The Gospel for Everyone

Scripture: Luke 18:18-43.
Date: November 23, 2025

OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1. What does this passage teach us about us?

- a) The rich young ruler's partial obedience to the law of God blinded him to his disobedience to the law. Can you identify ways that you have been/are being blinded in this same way (at least I'm not..., I do more good than bad...)?
- b) The ruler could not let go of his money. In what ways are you holding onto something that is a replacement for knowing Christ (money, a dream, control, etc.)?
- c) Like the blind man, our afflictions can lead us to our need for Christ. Are your current afflictions leading you to Christ and his mercy or to something else (an idol)?

2. What does this passage teach us about God?

- a) Read v.27. Jesus says that without God salvation is impossible. Are there any ways that you are still trying to take credit for or have a hand in your own salvation? How might things change if you were to fully embrace your salvation as "all of God?"

3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

- a) In what ways is Jesus the ultimate "rich young ruler?" In what ways did he obey verses 20-22?
- b) How do the two stories in this passage contrast "works righteousness" and righteousness through grace and faith alone? How do verses 31-34 bridge the two stories?

APPLICATION

- a) Read verses 29-30. Jesus is telling us that to follow him is worth it. In what ways have you found it to be worth it to follow Jesus? Is there an area of life where you need to put following Jesus to the test, something you need to give up or let go of for his sake (see Phil. 3:7-9)?

PRAYER

- Acknowledge that God alone is able to save us.
- Confess ways that you have been spiritually blind to your own sin and self-righteousness.
- Thank Jesus for being our "rich young ruler" who gave up everything for us.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to help you to let go of everything that is a replacement for Jesus in your heart.