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Upside-Down Perspective
Matthew 20:29 - 34

Introduction: Right in Front of our Eyes.

Becoming a Better Person

“What do you want me to do for you?”

Big Idea: No matter where you are in your journey, Jesus is extending an invitation for you to follow Him and take the next step.

Will I drop Everything to follow Him?

Will I see others through HIS eyes?

A disciple of Jesus is someone who is **following** Jesus, is being **changed** by Jesus, and is **committed** to the **mission** of Jesus. (Matthew 4:19)

Reflection Questions for Groups or Individuals:

1. Do you have a story for something that you missed that was **RIGHT** in front of your eyes? Who helped you finally see?
2. What's the most frustrating thing that you've had to go back for on a long trip?
3. If you are comfortable, share your answer to 'What do you want me to do for you?'
4. What is your 'Next Step' that you'll take today?
5. Talk about a time when you didn't feel significant or 'seen' by others. How did that diminish your view of other people? Of yourself?
6. Spend some time talking about someone in your life that you could reach out to and 'see'. Pray for that person, and pray that God would open up a path to talk to that person.
7. How does this story about the two blind beggars relate to Jesus' 'Upsidedown Kingdom'?
8. We need God's help to be like Jesus. We need God's help to be able to see others as God sees them. Close your time together by asking God to help you see others as God sees them – especially those who are different than you.

Discovery Bible Study Method for Groups or Individuals

(for more information on this method of Bible study- see <https://www.dbsguide.org/>)

1. Talk: To begin the study, each person answers these questions:

- What are you thankful for?
- What is causing you stress?
- Who needs our help? How can this group help them?

2. Look Back (session 2+)

- Retell story from the previous meeting.
- What did you do differently because of this story?
- Who did you tell and what was the reaction?

3. Read & Re-tell

- One person reads the Bible passage out loud, and the rest follow along.
- Someone else retells the passage by memory, if possible. Others can fill in what is missing.

4. Look

- Read the passage again.
- Discuss what this passage says about God, Jesus or his plan.

5. Look again

- Read the passage once more
- Discuss what this passage says about humans
- Discuss what this passage says about being a disciple of Jesus

6. Inside me

- According to this study, what am I doing well?
- What do I need to change?

7. Who else?

- Who needs to hear this story?
- How can I tell them?
- Who can I invite to study the Bible?