

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Week of September 24, 2023

Sermon Text Luke 18:35-43

[35] As he drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. [36] And hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what this meant. [37] They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." [38] And he cried out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" [39] And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" [40] And Jesus stopped and commanded him to be brought to him. And when he came near, he asked him, [41] "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me recover my sight." [42] And Jesus said to him, "Recover your sight; your faith has made you well." [43] And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

If you were not able to listen to this week's sermon, then please refer to this link to listen prior to answering these questions, http://hawaiikaichurch.org/sermons/page/1.

Discussion Questions

- 1. Think about the lessons we've learned so far in Luke 18 (the persistent widow, the broken tax collector, the helpless child, as well as the proud Pharisee, the rich ruler, and the ignorant disciples). What do you think Luke is trying to teach us about mankind, Jesus and salvation?
- 2. Why are we sometimes so quick to judge drug addicts and sinners who are sick, poor, and homeless? What does this story teach us about true "blindness" and Jesus' heart for those who walk in darkness?
- 3. Describe the blind man's faith using examples from the passage. Can someone "believe" in Jesus and still not be saved? Explain.
- 4. How are you like the blind man in this story? Think about your own faith; do you have the same kind of saving faith as this blind man? Why or why not?
- 5. How do you think the blind man's life changed after being healed by Jesus? Do you think he returned to a life of begging? Why or why not? How should our lives change after being "healed" by Jesus?