

Luke 18:31-43

1. Have you ever had an experience where a truth became “real” to you – where you looked back and said I thought I knew this thing, I thought I saw this thing, but I realize now I was blind to it? Share those experiences with one another.

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2. Look at Luke 24: 19-21. What would the disciples have expected Jesus to say was the reason he was going up to Jerusalem? How does this help explain why they understood nothing of what he said? How does this help you understand the causes of spiritual blindness?
3. Look at Luke 18:18-30. Is there anything about this story that proceeds our text that would give a reason why the disciples don't admit their confusion? Don't ask for an explanation?
4. From the worldview of the day, they would have believed that the blindman was blind because God was punishing him for his sin. They would have seen themselves as better than him, more spiritual astute than him, more morally upright than him – which is why they rebuke him – and yet the blind man has a deeper understanding of Jesus – Son of David – than they do. What happens to a proud self-sufficient heart when we see in someone we dismiss or disregard or think we are better than a depth of insight, a depth of character, a depth of love that we do

not see in ourselves? What impact do you think this encounter would have on the disciples?

5. Where do you think you may be spiritually blind? What aspects of the good news of Jesus haven't yet come home? that you yearn to become "real" to you?

6. If the blind man reveals to us the path out of our spiritual blindness, what are the elements of his interaction with Jesus that we need to pay attention to? What would these things look like practically?

7. Read Luke 24: 13-35. When do the disciples receive their spiritual sight? In what ways does Jesus reveal himself to them? What does that teach us about the ways in which Jesus answers our cry to see him rightly?

Pray for one another that you might come to see Jesus more fully, more completely, more truly than you do right now.