



1. Recognize _____
(vv.35-38)

Luke 18:35 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. (ESV)

2. Relentlessly _____
(v.39)

3. Gratefully _____
(vv.40-43)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Isaiah 9:5-7**. God's people in the first century had high expectations regarding the Messiah because of the promises that he would take charge of the world and secure a lasting peace. Why do you think the average Christian's expectation about Christ's forthcoming fulfillment of those promises is often so blasé?
2. Read **Ezekiel 34:23-31** and **Revelation 11:15-17**. What can you do to restore a more vivid and heightened expectancy of Christ's forthcoming reign?
3. Read **Ephesians 2:1-10**. Why is the dispensing of God's saving mercy on a life a much bigger deal than most realize? What are some of the monumental and eternal benefits granted to the recipients of his grace according to this passage?
4. Read **Psalms 32:1** and **Luke 5:23-24**. Why is our eternal forgiveness so much more important than the current status of our health or wealth? What can you do to keep these dissimilar concerns in perspective?
5. Read **Luke 9:57-62**. How does a conditional commitment to follow Christ (i.e., if he will provide this for me, or if he will still allow me to do that) signify that one has failed to recognize Jesus for who he is? What are some of the common conditions people have today regarding Christianity?

This Week's Bible Reading Schedule

October 29th

Jer. 25-26 & 2Tim. 3

October 30th

Jer. 27-28 & 2Tim. 4

October 31st

Jer. 29-30 & Titus 1

November 1st

Jer. 31-32 & Titus 2

November 2nd

Jer. 33-35 & Titus 3

November 3rd

Jer. 36-37 & Phile.

November 4th

Jer. 38-39 & Heb. 1

November 5th

Jer. 40-42 & Heb. 2

The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).

Msg. 12-40 – **The Prince of Peace & the Future of Planet Earth**
Msg. 14-10 – **Making Sure We Don't Miss the King**
Msg. 13-29 – **Confident in His Power to Restore**
Msg. 14-08 – **Anticipating the Defeat of Disease**
Msg. 14-09 – **Awaiting the Defeat of Death**
Msg. 13-10 – **Transformed: When God Gets a Hold of Your Life**
Msg. 15-56 – **Justification & Regeneration**

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Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Bennett, Arthur. **The Valley of Vision: A Collection of Puritan Prayers & Devotions**. Banner of Truth, 1997.
Carson, D. A. **How Long, O Lord?** Baker, 1990.
Chantry, Walter. **Signs of the Apostles: Observations on Pentecostalism Old & New**. Banner of Truth, 1973.
Fabarez, Mike. **Lifelines for Tough Times: God's Presence and Help When You Hurt**. Harvest House, 2014.
Kaiser, Walt. **The Messiah in the Old Testament**. Zondervan, 1995.
Leyshon, David. **Sickness, Suffering and Scripture**. Banner of Truth, 2008.
Lutzer, Erwin. **The Vanishing Power of Death**. Moody, 2004.
Mayhue, Richard. **The Healing Promise: Is It Always God's Will to Heal?** Mentor Books, 1997.
McClain, Alva J. **The Greatness of the Kingdom: An Inductive Study of the Kingdom of God**. BMH Books, 1959.
Morgan, Christopher. **Suffering and the Goodness of God**. Crossway, 2008.
Needham, David. **Alive for the First Time: A Fresh Look at the New Birth Miracle**. Multnomah Press, 1995.
Tada, Joni Eareckson & Steve Estes. **When God Weeps: Why Our Suffering Matters to the Almighty**. Zondervan, 1997.
Varner, William. **The Messiah: Revealed, Rejected, Received**. Author House, 2004.
Washer, Paul. **The Gospel Call and True Conversion**. Reformation Heritage Books, 2013.