



October 28, 2018

Main Text: Luke 18:35-42

**Optional Ice Breaker**

Play a few rounds of “Truth or Lie!” Take turns telling stories from your past with the group. Each story teller gets to decide if they want to tell a true story, or if they want to make something up. After a story is told, have everyone in the group vote on whether it was true or if the story was a lie. Want to make it competitive? Have someone keep track of how many correct guesses each group member gets.

**The BIG IDEA**

*Don't ever quit pursuing Christ*

**Getting in the Word**

After everyone has turned to Luke 18, have someone begin reading from verse 35 to the end of the chapter aloud while everyone else follows along. Who are the main people in this passage, and what do we know about them?

At the beginning of the passage, we are introduced to the blind man who is begging on a road. How do you think people in this city see this man based on the way they treat him in this story?

When Jesus hears the man, He stops and has the beggar brought to Him. Why do you think Jesus' opinion of this man is so different from the people around them?

Though this is a short passage, we learn a lot about the beggar. He believes Jesus is the prophesied Messiah because he addresses Jesus as the “Son of David.” We know the beggar believes Jesus can heal and forgive sins because he calls out for mercy. And, we learn this beggar believes Jesus truly is the Son of God because he addresses Him as Lord. All of this makes it easy to understand that this man's faith in Jesus has healed him. Why do you think so many people lack the deep faith that this man had?

The beggar is a great example of Jeremiah 29:13, which says, “You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.” What are some things in our lives that hold us back from completely pursuing God?

How can we remove those distracting things so that we can grow our faith to the depth of this beggar?

**The BIG Question::** *Are you pursuing God with everything you've got?*