

First Baptist Church – Calgary

Week of: June 06, 2010

Message Series: Questions Jesus Asked

#1 – What do you want me to do for you?

- *Luke 18:35-43*

Introduction:

It's common within our society to meet people who have questions about Jesus. After all, Jesus is such an interesting and compelling person within human history. He claimed to be God, performed many miracles, taught with profound wisdom, modeled a life of selflessness & humility, and claims today almost three billion followers. On top of that, his people preach that he rose from the dead and will one day return to judge the earth and wrap up human history. Is it any wonder that so many have questions about him?

It's interesting to note however that Jesus, too, had some questions. And as expected his questions are not trivial in nature but rather profound. They demand careful thought, inward reflection, and always a choice on our part. In fact, they are the sort of questions that we would expect God to ask.

Study Notes:

Personal Study: #1 – *What do you want me to do for you?*

Read Luke 18:15-17

1. What lesson did the disciples of Jesus learn in this incident? Based upon verses 35-39 later in the chapter, had they really learned anything at all? What do you think was going on within them?

Read verses 35-43.

2. Put yourself in the blind man's position for a moment. How did his handicap limit him? What did it probably cost him? How would he feel about life most days? How would he perhaps feel about God?

3. Why did the blind man start screaming when Jesus approached? Why did he scream for mercy? Why did he ignore those rebuking him?

4. Are there things about life that you feel blind about? Have you found yourself screaming at God, either in anger & frustration or in desperation & fear?

5. Read verses 40 & 41 again. Do you think the man was startled by Jesus' question to him? What tone of voice do you think Jesus used when speaking with him? What tone of voice do you normally hear when Jesus speaks with you?

6. If Jesus asked "*What do you want me to do for you?*" (v. 41), how would you respond? Do you believe that Jesus is both willing and able to meet you at your point of deepest need?

7. Take some time right now to have an honest talk with God. Tell Him about your struggles and share with Him your deepest longings. Admit to Him your need for His healing touch in your life – something that all of us share because we are human. Hear his gentle voice and sense His total preoccupation with you, His dear child.

Finally, *receive* from God what He wants to give you, whatever it may be. Let His touch overwhelm you today, physically, emotionally, spiritually, mentally – in every way. Be filled with the new life that Jesus desires to give you.