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## Showing Compassion Luke 18:31-43 Pastor Kirk Gambrell

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### Using This Study

#### ❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

#### ❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

#### ❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.

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Luke 18:42-43



This week we will look at the end of Luke chapter 18. In this section Jesus tells His disciples about His coming suffering and death. The disciples are unable to grasp what Jesus is telling them. Following this, Jesus travels to Jerusalem and a blind man that is along the road begging calls out to Him. The crowd around the blind man tells him to quiet down, but the blind man continues to call out to Jesus. Jesus stops and takes notice of the man and miraculously heals him giving him his sight back. The crowd marvels at Jesus' work and they join the blind man in praising Jesus. Join us this week as we praise God and celebrate His compassion.

### **Another Prediction of Jesus' Passion**

31 Then Jesus took the twelve aside and said to them, "Look, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. 32 For he will be handed over to the Gentiles; he will be mocked, mistreated, and spat on. 33 They will flog him severely and kill him. Yet on the third day he will rise again." 34 But the twelve understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what Jesus meant.

### **Healing a Blind Man**

35 As Jesus approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the road begging. 36 When he heard a crowd going by, he asked what was going on. 37 They told him, "Jesus the Nazarene is passing by." 38 So he called out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" 39 And those who were in front scolded him to get him to be quiet, but he shouted even more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" 40 So Jesus stopped and ordered the beggar to be brought to him. When the man came near, Jesus asked him, 41 "What do you want me to do for you?" He replied, "Lord, let me see again." 42 Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has healed you." 43 And immediately he regained his sight and followed Jesus, praising God. When all the people saw it, they too gave praise to God.

**● EXAMINE His Word (Observation)** (For personal preparation)

**What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.**

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.
4. Is there anything repeated?
5. What is emphasized?
6. What other areas of Scripture are directly related to this passage that might help us understand this passage better?
7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

**2 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation)** (For Community Group discussion)

**What does God MEAN?**

8. Why do you think Jesus told the disciples about His coming death when He knew they would not understand it?

9. At this point in His ministry, did Jesus' disciples understand that He is the "Son of Man"?

10. Why did the people around the blind man tell him to be quiet?

11. Why did the blind man yell out to Jesus, and continue yelling for Him when told to be quiet?

12. Was the blind man's request a reasonable request? Why?

13. Why do you think Jesus healed the blind man?

**③ EMBRACE His Word (Application)** (For Community Group discussion)  
**Why does this MATTER to me?**

14. What can we learn from Jesus telling His disciples about His death before they can understand it?

15. Did the blind man deserve to be healed? How does your answer apply to our lives today?

16. How does this passage reinforce the beginning of Luke 18 about praying with perseverance? What hinders your perseverance in prayer?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to **KNOW**, to **FEEL**, and to **DO**...

*Sermon Notes*