

“Closer Walk” Bible Study

Mining Matthew Chapter 20:17-34

Purpose: To share lives around the Scripture and through the power and presence of the Holy Spirit make happy and unexpected discoveries that change our lives and bring us closer in our walk with Jesus.

Getting us started

1. What did your parents want you to be when you grew up? What about you?
2. What were some secret expectations you had for next generation family members, i.e., grandchild, niece, nephew?

Getting us into Scripture

3. Why does Jesus once again predict his death? Why on this occasion?
4. What in the request of the woman (vv. 20-21) shows that the disciples' view of the kingdom was different from Jesus'? Of what are she (and they) ignorant?
5. In order to share in his kingdom, what “cup” must the disciples share with Jesus (vv. 18-19)?
6. Why were the other 10 disciples so outraged? Were their reactions any more commendable?
7. What contrast does Jesus set up between the Gentile kingdom and God's kingdom? How does Jesus model this new way?
8. How would you compare the attitude of the two blind men with that of the disciples (vv. 20-28)?
9. How do their requests differ?
10. Why are these two singled out for healing? Once healed, what do they do? Why? How does this relate to the disciples' concern (vv. 20-28)?

Getting Scripture into us

11. What specific ways can you serve people, using Jesus as your model?
12. Jesus was always saying or doing the unexpected (vv. 2-28). What has he told you that you did not expect?
13. In what ways do you feel spiritually blind? How is your sight better now than six months ago?
14. If Jesus said, “What do you want me to do for you?” how would you answer?