



Roads of Redemption: Jericho Road

Introduction: Jesus never saw people as interruptions but as the very mission itself. On the road to Jericho, He stops for a blind beggar even while his mission called him closer to the cross.

Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever been so wrapped up in where you are going that you don't notice what is going on around you? What are some examples where we confuse productivity with faithfulness? Why is it so tempting to treat people as distractions rather than the mission?
2. Read **Luke 18:31-34** Where does Jesus say they are going and why? Why do you think they didn't understand? What does it say about Jesus that he knew explicitly what was going to happen before he started this journey?
3. Read **Luke 18:35-39**. What does the title this man uses for Jesus say about what he believed about him? Paul says there is an internal conflict between the flesh and the Spirit. How do you recognize when that conflict is happening?
4. Read **Luke 18:40-43** Why did Jesus ask that question? If Jesus were to ask you the same question, what would you say?
5. Those traveling with Jesus, presumably the disciples, told the man to be quiet. What does that say about what they saw? Is there a tension between reserving space for what you need to do, and willingness to interact with others? How do you manage it?
6. How does "I can't help everybody" end up keeping us from helping anybody — and how do you sense when God is nudging you to be involved?

Shaping Your Mind – Do not withhold good from those who deserve it, when it is in your power to act.
Proverbs 3:27

Moving Forward – May God open your eyes to the people He places in your path, and give you the courage to respond with mercy.