

Life Group Lesson - Week of 3/3

This lesson is based on Mark 10:46-52

Highlight

One of the best ways to highlight Scripture is to look for repeated phrases or themes. When the author says something again and again, it clues the reader to what his primary theme might be. A second study skill is to look for contrasting words.

- Highlight a verse or words that stick out to you.
- Note the difference in Jesus's response to James, John and Bartimaeus. What stands out to you about this?

Explain

In this portion of our study, we're intending to figure out Matthew's meaning to his original audience, as well as those of us who read this today. **Remember, the Bible cannot mean what it never meant.**

- Explain the contrast in posture between James and John, and Bartimaeus.
- What is "wrong" with James and John's question they ask Jesus?

Apply

This is now the portion of our study where the rubber meets the road. While the text CAN ONLY have one meaning, there are several different ways it can apply to our lives today.

- What is your response to Jesus? Do you jump up immediately and run to him or are you hesitant? If you are hesitant, why?
- Do you most often ask Jesus for what you want or what you need? During your quiet time this week, focus on asking Jesus for what you need or to show you what you need.

Respond

According to Daniel Akin at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, "Observation + Interpretation, w/o Application = Constipation."

- One of our outcomes at Grace is "looks around for others by living sent." How can you desperately pray for your neighbors and nations this week?
- In your Life Group this week, share something that you are desperate for God to act on. Take time to let everyone share and pray for one another.