



STUDY 3

JESUS HEALS A BLIND BEGGER

It's not unusual for nurses to become frustrated when patients are demanding or push their call buttons frequently. Take a closer look at how Jesus responded to a blind man who persistently called on him for help. See how people in the crowd were affected by a different type of blindness.

When have you been frustrated by a patient or perhaps a classmate or colleague? How did you respond?

BACKGROUND

Background: Luke 18 recounts the story of Jesus healing a blind beggar near Jericho. This event takes place during the final stretch of Jesus' ministry, just before his triumphal entry into Jerusalem and the events of Holy Week. At this point, Jesus' reputation as a healer and teacher has spread widely and large crowds are following him. The blind man, upon learning that Jesus is passing by, cries out loudly and persistently, begging for mercy. The man addresses Jesus as "Son of David," a Messianic title that reflects faith in Jesus as the promised Savior.

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READ LUKE 18:35-43 (NIV)

³⁵ As Jesus approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. ³⁶ When he heard the crowd going by, he asked what was happening. ³⁷ They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by."

³⁸ He called out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

³⁹ Those who led the way rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

⁴⁰ Jesus stopped and ordered the man to be brought to him. When he came near, Jesus asked him, ⁴¹ "What do you want me to do for you?"

"Lord, I want to see," he replied.

⁴² Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has healed you." ⁴³ Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, praising God. When all the people saw it, they also praised God.

ASSESSMENT

- What was the blind man's overall condition? Consider his physical, spiritual and emotional health.
- Why were the people rebuking the man? **What did the blind man "see" that was not apparent to the crowd?** What is the relationship between seeing and believing in this story?
- What assessment question did Jesus ask the man? How can you use this question in your nursing practice?
- **Mercy is defined as compassion or forgiveness toward someone who does not deserve it.** How does Jesus show mercy in this passage? How can you grow in showing mercy towards your patients and others?

PUTTING FAITH INTO PRACTICE

- Spending time with Jesus allows us to grow more like him as we consider and reflect on his character. How can you spend time with Jesus this week so he can see you and you can see him in new ways?
- **Pair up in two's or three's for the week. Pray over the coming week that Jesus would grow his character trait of mercy in each of you. Text each other throughout the week and remind one another of God's mercy towards you.**



MY RESPONSES

TYPE YOUR RESPONSES INTO THIS BOX!

CALL TO FAITH

A call to faith is an intentional invitation at your NCF meeting for students and nurses to respond to Jesus in several ways, including an invitation to follow him for the first time. At some point during the 8-week Bible study series, make space for a clear call to faith—inviting participants to respond to the gospel. Trust God’s leading on when and how, and feel free to extend the invitation more than once as the Spirit prompts.

BEFORE

PRAY: Ask God to move in powerful ways and pray that God will prepare hearts to respond to him.

PREPARE: Calls to faith are not something we do every meeting; practicing what you want to say can be helpful, including how you’ll transition to the response and connect it to the passage and your personal story during your meeting.

DURING

SET UP: Say something like: “As we close our discussion today, I want to create a space for us to respond to God and the hope he offers us through Jesus. We are all on a journey with Him; some of us have been with Him for a long time; we have said yes to Jesus and accepted His death on the cross as our punishment for our wrongdoing. Some of us are still curious about Jesus, and we fall everywhere in between. Tonight, we will make space for you to identify where you are in your journey with Jesus and take the next step.”

PRAY: Open in prayer, making room for silence. Ask your participants to prayerfully consider the responses on their card and choose one. End in prayer.

RESPONSE: Print the response card at the end of this bible study. Have one card printed for each person attending.

SHARE: Have people share their responses. Share yours first to break the ice.

CELEBRATE those who’ve decided to follow Jesus!

AFTER

Connect with each person about what they shared on their response card that they turned into you and invite them to take the next step.

Spend a few minutes in silence as you determine how Jesus is leading you to respond. Check one:

- ☐ **Commit my life**
I have decided to become a follower of Jesus.
- ☐ **Renew my faith**
I am already a follower of Jesus but have given Him a new area of my life. (vocation, relationships, etc.)
- ☐ **Lead with Jesus**
Jesus is calling me to take a risk for him. I am committing to: _____.
- ☐ **Seek the truth**
I am not ready to commit my life to Jesus but would like to talk with someone to learn more about Him.

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