

**Food for thought**

**11/28/21**

**Hope seen**

**Matthew: Hope Revealed**

**Matthew 20:29-34**

### **Day 1 - Understanding the passage**

Read Matthew 20:29-34

- What stands out to you in this passage or from the message?
- We are in a narrative so, what is the tension point in this passage and how is it resolved?
- List the ways it would have been difficult for these blind men to get healed?
- This passage uses irony to get the point across. What is ironic about what is happening here compared to what we have observed in other places in Matthew?
- State the main point of this passage in one sentence.

### **Day 2 - Taking stock of our lives**

- The crowd rebuked the blind men from crying out to Jesus. In what ways do you see people being prevented from coming to Jesus? How does the “crowd” today hinder those that desire to be near Jesus?
- “Lord” refers to Jesus being in charge. With what kind of attitude do we approach Jesus?
- “Son of David” implies that Jesus is the Promised One or the hero of history. In what ways do we make ourselves the hero of history?
- “Mercy” says that we need something we don’t deserve. In what ways do we look at our needs as something we deserve to get met?

### **Day 3 - Applying the Bible to our lives**

- What do the blind men “see”? List the things they get right about Jesus.
- Why is it important to understand Jesus correctly?
- What do you want from Jesus? Explain.
- How have you seen Jesus’ faithfulness in your own life?

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