

We Will Believe

He Answers Prayer (Week 2)

LifeNotes

TALK IT OVER

Main Idea

We will believe Jesus answers prayer.

Key Scriptures

As Jesus and his disciples were leaving Jericho, a large crowd followed him. Two blind men were sitting by the roadside, and when they heard that Jesus was going by, they shouted, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us! They rebuked them and told them to be quiet, but they shouted all the louder, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!" Jesus stopped and called them. "What do you want me to do for you?" He asked. "Lord," they answered, "we want our sight." Jesus had compassion on them and touched their eyes. Immediately they received their sight and followed him.

Matthew 20:29-34

Specific prayer highlights Jesus' compassion, affirms our faith, and reveals His glory.

Jesus answers prayer:

- Supernaturally
- Through circumstances
- Through His servants

Start talking.

- What makes it difficult to believe that Jesus answers prayer?
- What is the difference between "prayer" and "specific prayer"?
- Has there been a time Jesus answered a specific prayer for you? If so, describe.

Start thinking.

- Read Matthew 20:29-34. What drove the blind men to shout from the roadside?
- Why did they use the phrase, "Son of David"?
- Why did the crowd rebuke them? How have you seen others get uncomfortable with "cries of faith"?
- Among all the noise of the crowd, why did Jesus stop for these men?
- Why did Jesus ask them what they wanted?

Start sharing.

- How would you respond to the question Jesus asked the blind men?
- How can our prayers be a declaration of our faith?
- How can we pray expectantly while also understanding Jesus is not a vending machine?

Start doing.

- As a group, identify prayers that were answered: supernaturally, through circumstances, and through His servants. Share them with each other.
- Write down two specific prayers you are asking Jesus to answer.
- Join Jesus in answering prayers during this difficult season by helping someone else.
 - Take food/supplies to a neighbor.
 - Ask someone how you can pray for them, specifically.
 - Give to the COVID relief fund through Harbor:
<https://harborchurch.life/give>

Closing prayer.

Jesu, we believe you answer prayer. We believe you still do so supernaturally, through divine circumstances, and through your servants. Help us, and those we love believe in you and your power as we walk through this difficult season. Give us eyes to see, and the courage to lean into the needs of those around us as your hands and feet. We will believe in your compassion. We will believe in your kindness. We will believe you can answer our prayers!