

BLESSED BY JESUS

LISTEN

With a view towards our vision...

That every man, woman, and child in
Lake Norman and beyond has the
opportunity to hear and respond to the
gospel of Jesus.

We're emphasizing our devotion to...

Engaging in the Great Commission

By seeking to BLESS as we are BLESSed by Jesus.

Begin with Prayer

Listen

Eat

Serve

Share the Gospel

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read **Luke 18:35-43**. What points or applications from the sermon particularly resonated with you? What questions do you have from the passages that were preached?
2. In **Luke 18:39**, why did the people try to silence the blind beggar who was calling out to Jesus? In what ways do we fall into the same thinking with our own needs or the needs of others? How do Jesus' actions in this passage challenge that thinking?
3. In **Luke 18:41**, Why did Jesus ask, "What do you want me to do for you?" instead of "Do you want to recover your sight?" How does Jesus' question make the interaction with the blind beggar different? What does this teach us about Jesus?
4. In **John 14:12-14**, what does Jesus mean when He tells us to pray and "ask in my name"? How does this challenge the way we typically end our prayers: "In Jesus' name I pray, Amen"? How does the blind beggar's request help us see what it means to "ask in Jesus' name"?
5. How does Jesus making himself available to others challenge and encourage you? How does this motivate you to be more diligent to "Listen" as you seek to be used by God to represent Jesus to those He has brought into your life?

OUR OPPORTUNITY TODAY

6. As a group, share experiences where you had an opportunity to “Listen” but you either missed it or took advantage of it. How did your willingness to listen affect the interaction? How might those have gone differently in light of what’s been discussed?

7. How can you prepare yourself to be available for opportunities that might arise where you can “Listen”? What shifts are needed in you to better balance *listening* with *speaking*?