DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Matthew 20:29–34

Read through the passage together before you begin.

1. Look back at 20:17–28. What has Jesus just told his disciples, and how did they respond? How do you think that was weighing on him as he left Jericho?
2. What is your initial response when you see someone in need on the side of the road? What causes you to feel that way?
3. Based on what the blind beggars say, what do they know about Jesus? Why do they think that Jesus can help them?
4. How did the crowd respond to the beggars? Do any of those mirror your feelings from the earlier question? Why or why not?
5. How did Jesus respond to the beggars' needs? Why is that important? Jesus asks them the same question he asked in 20:21. Compare the two requests. What's the difference?
6. The other accounts of this incident (Mark 10:46–52; Luke 18:35–43) provide some further insight on the beggars' response. Take a look at them. What do they add?
7. Does Jesus's action change the way you might look at or respond to the others? If so, how? If not, why not?

CLOSE IN PRAYER

Pray that God would give you eyes to see those calling out for mercy, and the compassion to stop for them, just as Jesus stopped for us.