



Sermon Growth Guide

October 12, 2025

Value

Luke 18:35-43

Key Verse: Luke 18:39 “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!’”

Big Idea: The blind man wanted to see but he also wanted to be seen.

Foundations

Every one of us longs to feel significant, to be noticed, and to be treated with value by those around us. When that doesn't happen, it hurts, doesn't it?

Though we may not realize it, we tend to draw much of our value from external sources: what we have to offer the world around us, and/or what others think of us. But what happens to our sense of worth when those sources change or are absent?

Today's story encourages us that the One who saw value in a blind beggar frequently overlooked and ridiculed by the crowd around him, sees lasting value and potential in you that's too often missed by others. But the key is for us to listen to the valuing voice of our Creator rather than to the voices of others.

As we go through life, we can pick up negative attitudes about ourselves from others: a demanding parent, a former spouse, a hard to please boss, or someone else. Without realizing it, we allow their perceptions of us to shape our own self-perception.

Learn to listen for the voice of your heavenly Father who loves and values you even on days when others' approval is lacking, or you're not sure you even like yourself. As you do, you'll experience the sense of value that you really want.

Understanding God's Word

Together, read Luke 18:35-43.

Why do you think this blind man was so persistent in trying to get Jesus' attention, when he was surely used to being overlooked by others?

What does Jesus' response to this man's cries suggest for our own lives?

How did this man respond when Jesus restored his sight? What can limit us from similarly responding to experiences of God's goodness in our lives?

Applying God's Word

How would you answer Jesus' question at this time in your life: “What do you want me to do for you?”

If someone asked what contributes to your sense of value, how would you respond?

“In the eyes of the King, you have value simply because you are” (Max Lucado). What makes this difficult or easy for you to believe?

Witnessing God's Word

In what ways can you convey value to those around you this week, in response to how God so deeply values you?