

Week of June 5 - "True Worshipers" - Small Group Lesson Lesson 3

Connect Together

Why is it often frustrating when someone else gets the credit for what you have done? How have you dealt with that in the past?

Lesson Verses - Matthew 21:14-17 (CSB)

14 The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them. 15 When the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonders that he did and the children shouting in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant 16 and said to him, "Do you hear what these children are saying?" Jesus replied, "Yes, have you never read: You have prepared praise from the mouths of infants and nursing babies?" 17 Then he left them, went out of the city to Bethany, and spent the night there.

Study & Apply

1. The blind and the lame, due to their illnesses, were considered unclean and not allowed to enter past the inner walls of the temple. (Leviticus 21:17)

    a. In what ways is it spiritually significant that those regarded as unclean, who went to Jesus and were healed, were now able to enter into the holy temple? (1 Timothy 2:4; 1 Peter 2:21-25; Luke 14:21-23)

APPLY: How did it affect you, when you came to Christ and were healed? How did you respond to the change? How would you like to continue to show joy in the grace of the Lord Jesus?

Study & Apply

2. In verse 15, notice how the children were able to recognize Jesus as the Messiah (Son of David) and the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

   a. What does Jesus point out to the indignant chief priests and scribes regarding what they had been blind to?

   b. How was it that their analysis of Scripture had been so off point? Why should they be able to see who Christ is, especially since children could?

APPLY: Last time we talked about why it is important for you to have the Holy Spirit to pray. Why is it also necessary to have the Holy Spirit in order to understand the scriptures? What are some ways He enables us to understand the Bible?

Discuss & Share

In today's verses, Jesus demonstrated that he is indeed *the Christ, the Son of God*. How can we show we are *children of God* in our lives? How are you able to do that at work, school, home, or the other relationships you have? Try to think of ways you often do so in your daily life, and share them.

Grow & Minister

Minister to one another through sharing specific prayer requests.