

Sermon Discussion Questions for Small Groups

Week of January 7th
Sermon Titled: "We are Beggars, This is True"

Open in Prayer. Read Acts 3:1-12.

Main points: Perhaps the greatest words of Martin Luther were his last: "We are beggars, this is true." There are four ways we are beggars: 1) we are outcasts, 2) we are needy, 3) we are broken, 4) we are healed.

As you begin, ask the group: What stood out to you about the sermon? What questions did you have? What challenged you?

Note for the discussion and application questions: choose a couple of the questions below to discuss and go deeper with the sermon together.

Discussion Questions

1. What did Martin Luther mean when he wrote, "we are beggars"? How does this describe the Christian life?
2. How did the lame beggar experience healing far beyond his physical need? What does this teach us about our greatest need before God?
3. What does it mean to be impoverished? Is it possible to live with material abundance and yet be spiritually poor?
4. What does it mean to be broken? How has our brokenness been restored by Jesus Christ?

Application Questions

1. What images and thoughts come to mind as you think about a beggar? What makes it difficult to admit our need?
2. How is poverty much more than physical or material lack? In what ways can people use money to hide their spiritual poverty?
3. What do you want God to do for you? What do you want out of life? What do these wants reveal about the desires of your heart?
4. How do you desire to see God move powerfully in your life and our city to heal and restore in 2018?

Prayer Focus: Pray together for a spirit of humility to live as beggars this year and to the faith to pray bold prayers for God's healing power to work mightily in and through us.