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I see people . . . walking around like trees (Mk. 8:24). The blind man's commentary on his healing was revealing. Nowhere else in the gospel did Jesus come close to a failed moment when someone wanted healing than this blind man of Bethsaida. The act took two takes with the first attempt leaving his eyesight barely improved. Barely.

Much ink has been spilt on this miraculous story trying to explain Jesus' apparent power failure. But Mark may be using this story (Mk. 8:22-26) as the front end of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem with a second back end healing of a blind man as Jesus reaches Jericho (Mk. 10:46-52). In other words the two healing stories of blind men hold the journey to Jerusalem in place so that the first blind man can see but still lacks 20/20 vision. The second blind man is able to focus his sights clearly on Jesus. The blind man may very well be representative of the disciples as they grapple with their blurred vision of Jesus. If that is the case, our vision is often just as crippling.

As Mark records the journey to Jerusalem, three teachable moments surface where Jesus clarifies his mission, ministry and mandate. Each of these moments include a prediction of what will unfold when Jesus reaches Jerusalem, followed by the disciple failure to grasp his teaching, concluding with further instructions on discipleship.

The first teachable moment (Mk. 8:31-38) occurs immediately following Peter's confession in Caesarea Philippi. For the first time in Mark's gospel Jesus lays out what they will find in Jerusalem. Of course, Peter, refusing to believe that Jesus will suffer at the hands of the Jews, pulls him aside for a rebuke. Yes, Peter rebuked Jesus!? But Jesus will have none of his (so-called) wisdom. Instead, he presents a vision of discipleship that includes cross carrying and sacrificing one's life.

The second teachable moment (Mk. 9:30-37) appears as they were passing through Galilee. Once again, Jesus wants the Twelve to enter Jerusalem eyes wide opened as he'll be executed but will be raised three days later. Mark tells us they didn't understand (v. 32). And in case we needed evidence of their misunderstanding, they began arguing over which disciple was the greatest one. While Jesus is sacrificing his life, the disciples are debating which of them is number one. Jesus refocuses their attention by exhorting them to seek the number two spot. Instead of pursuing their own self-interests, approach life as if you are the least of these. No power. No authority. No sway (Mk. 9:30-37).

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Prayer Requests

Roger Cooper He will be having a heart procedure on 3/5. Please pray for successful treatment and better health in the future.

Peggy Hollback Please continue praying she will be blessed with better health.

Dave Hinzle Having an MRI 3/5 & Biopsy 3/12. Please pray for good results.

Mike Lemon Please pray for him as he cares for his family.

Norm McGinnis Please pray for God's strength and comfort during this time.

Sue Mefford (Penny's friend) Having health problems.. Please pray for her.

Janine Morris Please continue prayers for her strength and healing as she continues treatment.

Ida Partlow She had hip replacement surgery on Feb.8. She is home doing well. Please pray that she will continue to heal.

Margaret Reed Please keep her in your prayers for strength and healing.

Missy Sissel She has been admitted to OSU. Please pray her pain & spasms will be controlled giving her the ability to function.

Kim Woods (Gary Glispie's Sister) Please continue to pray for healing.

Please pray for comfort for all those mourning the loss of loved ones.

Judi Allison Elbrooke Room #535

Esther & Gene Crisp Randall Res. #123

Sarah Gilliland Hillview Room #213

Helen Hayward Homebound

Ruth Morris Best Care Room#10

Please pray that God will heal our country and protect us from the Evil One.



WELCOME BACK!
Sunday Morning Service

Teen Devo
Today-At the Building-5:30

Sunday Morning Live Streaming Links:

<https://sunshinecofc.church/sermon-media>
<https://sunshinecofc.sermon.net>

Welcome To All of Our Guests

We give a special welcome to all of our guests today. If this is your first time to visit with us, please stop by the Welcome Center in the foyer at the conclusion of services, pick up your gift just for being our guests today.

Thank you for coming. Please come back!

Gluten Free Communion Available

We have gluten free communion bread available for anyone who needs it. It can be found at the Welcome Center. You may simply pick it up before the services on your way into the auditorium.

Elders Meeting Together

Prayer Session:



WELCOME TO SUNSHINE CHURCH of CHRIST

**We invite you to join us for
Online Services.**

**Sunday Morning @ 10:00 AM
Sunday Eve. Class @ 6:30 PM
Wednesday Eve. @ 7:30 PM**

**You may also call 855-565-7670
to hear the lessons by phone.**

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### **Hey Teens!**

**Don't forget The Teen Weekly Devo  
today at 5:30 here at the building.  
Come join us and bring a friend  
too! You'll have a great time!**

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**If you have changes that need to be
made to your information in the
Sunshine Directory:**

**Name, Address or Phone Number
Please let Tammy know in order to
get it updated. Thank You!**

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**We are looking for helpers that  
would like to make plastic canvas  
baskets (3 in. long, 2 wide, 1 1/2  
deep) to hold individually wrapped  
candies to be given to the elderly at  
our Area Nursing Homes at Easter  
time. Or please donate the candy  
for the baskets. If you have  
questions about this project,  
Please contact:  
Sharon Hallam at 740-357-7413  
We would like to have the baskets  
returned to the building by 3/28 to  
be delivered by Easter, April 4.  
Thanks for your help!**

### **“ NO Capes!”**

**Just as the superhero dad in the  
movie The Incredibles was advised  
it's best to lose the cape to help  
avoid big problems and be less obvi-  
ous about who he is.**

**Jesus also did incredible things  
such as He raised a little girl from  
the dead, and said “Tell no one.” He  
met a man with leprosy, healed him  
and said “Tell no one” He healed two  
guys that were blind, and told them  
“Say nothing to anyone”. In a world  
driven by self- promotion, Jesus  
modeled something different for us.  
Jesus was saying that instead of tell-  
ing people about what we're doing  
all the time, there's a better way. One  
that doesn't require any capes that  
can get snagged on something—  
something like ourselves. He wants  
us to be secretly incredible instead.  
That was His plan for self-promotion.  
Secretly incredible people keep what  
they do one of God's best-kept se-  
crets because the only one who  
needs to know, the God of the uni-  
verse, already knows.**

**Matt.6:1- 4**

**Bob Goff  
Love Does**

## **Family Bible Time**

### **February Challenge**

**Who made the Heaven & Earth?**

**Who made Everything on the  
Earth ?**

**Who made Man & Woman?**

# Those Who Serve

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|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Sunday Morning</b> | <b>02/28/2021</b> | <b>03/07/2021</b> | <b>03/14/2021</b> |
| Welcome               | Rich Book         | Wayne Gampp       | Shaun McCray      |
| Midservice Prayer     |                   |                   |                   |
| Communion             |                   |                   |                   |
| Reading               |                   |                   |                   |
| Closing Prayer        |                   |                   |                   |
| <b>Sunday Evening</b> | <b>02/28/2021</b> | <b>03/07/2021</b> | <b>03/14/2021</b> |
| Song Leader           | Service Online    | Service Online    | Service Online    |
| Reading               |                   |                   |                   |
| Communion             |                   |                   |                   |
| Assist                |                   |                   |                   |
| Prayer                |                   |                   |                   |
| <b>Wed. Evening</b>   | <b>03/03/2021</b> | <b>03/10/2021</b> | <b>03/17/2021</b> |
| Song Leader           | Service Online    | Service Online    | Service Online    |
| Prayer                |                   |                   |                   |



**Sunday** Worship - 10:00 am  
Bible Study - 6:30 pm

**Wednesday** Bible Study - 7:30 pm

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The final teachable moment (Mk. 10:21-45) surfaces as they were nearing Jerusalem itself with Jesus leading the way. Here, he outlines the most detailed description of the events about to unfold. Betrayed. Condemned. Mocked. Flogged. Killed. Resurrected. But James and John pull Jesus aside for a personal request of sitting in the place of power and position at his coming kingdom. Not only did he rebuff their request, but he redirected their attention that leadership does not mean lordship. Leadership means servanthood. Jesus came not to be served, but to serve. Thus, we follow his leadership model.

When we latch onto following Jesus but fail to see what discipleship really is, then we're like the blind man Jesus is trying to heal. We see, but it's all a blur almost like trees walking around. We operate from a power position. We control people's movements and actions. We use relationships for personal gain then cast them aside when they no longer aid our agenda. We fight for rights as long as we get something of value from it, and fight as long as it cost us nothing. We mock people we disagree with and demean others who won't let us have our way. We claim to see Jesus clearer than anyone else, but if the truth be known, we're no better than the blind man standing by the side of the road needing to be silenced by those hearing our voices.

In order to see Jesus with clarity in vision, discipleship must be defined on his terms not ours. Following him means we're willing to bear the burden while carrying our cross. We stop seeking to be first as we desire to embrace humility in owning the joy of being number two. Finally, we begin using our position and power to serve the people around us. Once our eyes are checked under these criteria, we'll begin to see Jesus with clarity. We'll begin seeing each other with clarity.

*Soli Deo Gloria!*  
(i.e., only God is glorified!)

**Trees Walking Around:**  
Refocusing Our Blurred Vision Of Jesus



Have a wonderful day!