

Group Questions – *Believe*: Week 2

01/28/24 – Pastor Kirby

Getting to Know Me Questions:

- What is something you have done recently that you are proud of?
- What is something you've always wanted to try?

Into the Bible Questions:

- What's something from this week's teaching that you learned, that stood out, interesting etc?
- The 4 "B's" of discipleship at Living Hope: Belong, Believe, Become, Behave. This week is "Believe"
- As you read the passage below, what words or phrases stick out to you?
- **READ:** Luke 18:35-45
- Ok, what are they words or phrases? 😊
- Again, as you read the passage below, what words or phrases stick out to you?
- **READ:** Mark 10:46-52
- Ok, now what are they words or phrases?
- What was helpful, interesting or something else to you between the two versions of the same story?
- If Jesus asked you, right now, "What do you want me to do for you?" what would it be? Now's not the time to be Miss America, at your core, how would you answer? Can you share why?
- Pastor Kirby said "Faith in Jesus is so simple, yet so difficult."
- What do you think of that? Can you talk about your thoughts and feelings about this idea?
- **READ:** Romans 5:1-2
- To be "justified" means to be declared right or how we ought to be.

Application Questions:

- Have you received from Jesus His grace and salvation?
- If not: what is holding you back?
- If so: how do you hold onto simple faith in the midst of life?
- How can we praise God with each other?

Belong, believe, become, behave

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“BELONG” Zacchaeus (Luke 19)

“BELIEVE”

Bartimaeus: Luke 18:35-43.

Luke 18:35-43

³⁵ As Jesus approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. ³⁶ When he heard the crowd going by, he asked what was happening. ³⁷ They told him, “Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.”

³⁸ He called out, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

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!”

⁴⁰ Jesus stopped and ordered the man to be brought to him. When he came near, Jesus asked him, ⁴¹ “What do you want me to do for you?”

“Lord, I want to see,” he replied.

⁴² Jesus said to him, “Receive your sight; your faith has healed you.” ⁴³ Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, praising God. When all the people saw it, they also praised God.

“Son of David, have mercy on me!”

“Justification”

Romans 3:19-24

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. ²⁰ Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God’s sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin.

²¹ But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. ²² This righteousness is given through faith in [\[h\]](#) Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

Romans 5:1-2

¹ Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.

Luke 18:43

⁴³ Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, praising God. When all the people saw it, they also praised God.