

ONCE WAS BLIND, NOW I SEE

MARK 10:46-52

The Rich, Young Ruler (vs. 17-31)

The Request of James & John (vs. 35-45)

The Healing of Bartimaeus (vs. 46-52)

1. The Condition of Bartimaeus
2. The Cry of Bartimaeus
3. The Concern of Jesus
4. The Call of Jesus
5. The Commitment of Bartimaeus

Sermon Study Guide

(Reminder: The purpose of the questions is to explore the text and themes of the sermon. **Do not feel a need to go through all of the questions.**

The goal is to stimulate discussion/reflection and transformation related to the sermon text and themes.)

1. If we are being honest, most of us have at some point found ourselves echoing the same sentiment as that of the rich, young ruler: all of these commandments I have kept since youth. How does a proper understanding of the holiness of God and sinfulness of man reveal this statement to be self-righteousness? What does it mean to be holy? How should we see ourselves in comparison to the holiness of God?
2. Both the rich, young ruler and the disciples misunderstood Jesus' teaching that "whoever would be first among you must be slave of all" (vs. 43). What does this look like in our lives? How does the Gospel reinforce the truth that "even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and give His life as a ransom for many?"
3. Even though Jesus has His face set "like flint" towards Jerusalem we see Him take compassion on the blind beggar. Once He hears the cry of Bartimaeus, He stops and calls him to come. Not only does He stop for Bartimaeus, but He also spends time with the rich, young ruler who "went away in deep sorrow." What does this teach us about the Savior? What can we learn from His example?
4. Blindness is a biblical theme that one will find throughout the New Testament (Jn 9:35-41, 2 Cor 4:4, 2 Pet 1:9, 1 Jn 2:11). This theme is used both metaphorically and literally. What does it mean to be spiritually blind? What does it mean to have spiritual sight? How does one gain spiritual sight?
5. In a moment of unrelenting determination and astonishing faith, Bartimaeus throws aside his cloak and runs to Jesus. Some might even consider this action foolish. What can we learn from Bartimaeus' example? What does it look like to show this type of devotion today?