

## SERMON OUTLINE

In Mark 10:46-52 we are shown 5 manifestations of saving faith.

- I. Bartimaeus manifests saving faith when he recognizes his need for mercy (vs. 46-47).
- II. Bartimaeus manifests saving faith when he remains persistent in his cry for mercy (v. 48).
- III. Bartimaeus manifests saving faith when he responds to the object of His faith (vs. 49-51).
- IV. Bartimaeus manifests saving faith when his sight is restored (v. 52a).
- V. Bartimaeus manifests saving faith when he follows the object of His faith (v. 52b).

## BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, December 27, 2015

Passage: Mark 10:46-52

Memory Passage: Mark 10:52

### DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Mark 10:46-52.** Why do you think Bartimaeus was sitting “by the roadside” (lit. “by the way”)?
- (b) What does the description “blind beggar” tell you about Bartimaeus’ life? Does it surprise you that he would begin calling out to Jesus as He passed by? Why or why not?
- (c) Why do you think people rebuked him for crying out?
- (d) Think about the mood of this group (for example: 10:32 & 41) and the fact that they were almost to Jerusalem. How would you have responded to Bartimaeus if you were the disciples? If you were part of the crowd?
- (e) Who are the Bartimaeus’ you might engage everyday in your own life? Do you notice them? Silence them? Ignore them?

### DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Mark 10:46-52.** What changes the crowd’s response to Bartimaeus from “be silent” to “take heart”?
- (b) Why do you think Bartimaeus threw off his cloak?
- (c) Where before in Mark have you heard the question Jesus asks in v. 51 and what differences are there between the two instances?
- (d) In what ways was Bartimaeus’ faith, faith that “made him well,” evident in this story?

### DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Mark 10:46-52 & 8:22-26.** What similarities do you see between these 2 healings?
- (b) What differences do you see between these two accounts?
- (c) For what purposes did Mark “bookend” this section of disciples (8:22-10:52) with healings of blind men?
- (d) How is the concept of spiritual “blindness” and “sight” illustrated in the intervening verses?

### DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Mark 10:46-52, Matt. 20:29-34 & Luke 18:35-43.** As you read these parallel accounts, write down (1) any new information not found in Mark, (2) differences between the accounts, (3) details that are present in all three accounts.
- (b) What is the primary difference between Mark’s account and Matthew’s, and how can you account for this difference?
- (c) What is the primary difference between Mark’s account and Luke’s, and how can you account for this difference?

### DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Mark 10:46-52.** How would you have responded if you were Bartimaeus and you were rebuked and silenced?
- (b) Bartimaeus’ faith was persistent (v. 48—“cried out all the more”) and joyful/expectant (v. 50—“sprang up”) and led to his healing. How should these qualities be present in your life, and in what specific circumstances would they benefit you?
- (c) How does v. 52 answer the question, “Was Bartimaeus healed spiritually as well as physically?”
- (d) How does this final healing story in Mark’s gospel illustrate that Jesus is the promised Messiah?

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PASSAGE: Mark 10:48-52

*The Messiah’s Mercy for Blind Bartimaeus*