

Sermon Notes:

Passage: Mark 10:46-52

**Bartimaeus- why do we know his name?** Many times people are touched or healed by Jesus, but we don't know their names. Bartimaeus name is probably known by the writers of the gospels because he became a follower of Jesus and a part of the church.

**He is blind.** His only information about Jesus is what he has heard. People were talking about Jesus around him obviously and it was enough for him to reach out to Jesus.

-when we talk about Jesus outside in our every day lives it will catch people's attention.

v.47-48—**Son of David: why did he call Jesus this?** He was recognizing that Jesus was the coming Messiah, the Anointed One. The one they were waiting for. So he called out in faith.

v.47-48—**He cried out, he was desperate.** He didn't care what anyone else thought. But his desperation caught the attention of Jesus. Our desperation gets the attention of God.

v.50 **Bartimaeus threw aside his cloak.** He was getting rid of anything that got in the way. Anything that restricted him.

-what is restricting you from fully going after God? What sin is holding you back? what lifestyle is restricting you?

v.51 **“What do you want me to do for you?”** Jesus also asked this of James and John in verses 36. Their reply was a selfish desire, but for Bartimaeus the request came from a very deep need.

It was **ambition vs. deep need**  
**entitlement vs. humility**

They had followed Jesus all that time and yet were still spiritually blind. They didn't get it. To contrast here is a man who is physically blind, but was more aware of his spiritual needs than the disciples. Kind of ironic.

**v.52. It wasn't just faith that healed Bartimaeus, but faith in the right person**  
Where is your faith?

For Bartimaeus to follow Jesus he needed to see Jesus. For Bartimaeus to follow Jesus he needed to see the truth. He needed to have his eyes opened.

**v. 51-“Rabboni, I want to regain my sight!”** The title **Rabboni** “is a strengthened form of ‘Rabbi,’ and means ‘my lord,’ ‘my master.’”

Who is Jesus in your life? Is he someone you revere and respect? Is he someone that you believe in? Or....is he someone that has become to you Lord and Master?

## Life Group Discussion

(feel free to use any or all of these questions)

### Warm Up:

1. If you had to choose one of your senses to lose and one to keep which one would it be? Your sight or your sense of hearing? why?
2. If you were standing before God and He said to you, “what do you want me to do for you?”, how would you answer that question?

### Study & Discussion:

#### Read together: Mark 10:46-52

1. In your opinion what was the story of Bartimaeus before he was healed and how did it play itself out after he was healed?
2. Bartimaeus story is a story of very dramatic healing. Have you ever experienced a healing before? In your opinion why is it that we don't see more healings like this today?
3. Take a look at Mark 10:35-40. In what ways is this interaction with James and John different from Jesus interaction with Bartimaeus? What can we learn from this?
4. What are some lessons that you can take away from this story?

### Prayer:

1. Is there someone outside the group you would like prayer for today?
2. Is there an area of your life that you would like prayer for today?
3. Is there an area of healing you would like prayer for?