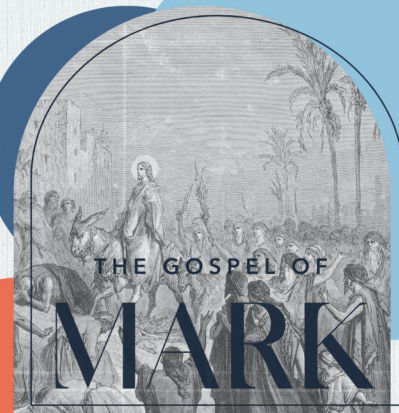


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WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO?

Pastor Roger Poupart // Mark 10:46-52



PREPARE YOUR HEART & MIND

Begin this time in prayer, confessing any sins you can recall, thanking the Lord for the gift of His Word, and asking for His Spirit to guide you in your time.



46 Then they came to Jericho. And as He was leaving Jericho with His disciples and a large crowd, a blind beggar named Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the road. 47 When he heard that it was Jesus the Nazarene, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" 48 Many were sternly telling him to be quiet, but he kept crying out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" 49 And Jesus stopped and said, "Call him here." So they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take courage, stand up! He is calling for you." 50 Throwing aside his cloak, he jumped up and came to Jesus. 51 And answering him, Jesus said, "What do you want Me to do for you?" And the blind man said to Him, "Rabboni, I want to regain my sight!" 52 And Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and began following Him on the road.



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REFLECT/CONNECT

Use these questions for a time of individual reflection or to connect with others in meaningful conversation.

- In what ways were you encouraged by last week's study?
- What qualities do you admire most in others?

These questions are designed as a guide for individual study and to foster spiritual conversation with a group of people.

GROW IN THE WORD

- 01.** Jesus and the disciples went out from Jericho along with a great multitude. A blind man heard that Jesus the Nazarene was passing by, so he cried out to Jesus for mercy. The crowds rebuked the man telling him to be quiet, but the man cried out even louder (v. 46-48).
 - How would you describe Bartimaeus' physical, emotional, and spiritual condition? Note the language Mark used to describe him in verses 46-47.

GROW IN THE WORD

- What did Bartimaeus believe about Jesus? Consider the title he gave Jesus and see 2 Sam. 7:8-16; Jeremiah 23:5-6.

- Why do you think that many in the crowd rebuked Bartimaeus?

02. Jesus called for Bartimaeus to come to him, and Bartimaeus leapt to obey. Jesus asked Bartimaeus what he wanted, and Bartimaeus requested restoration of his sight. He was healed through faith, and began following Jesus (49-52).

- How did Bartimaeus' life change after his encounter with Jesus? Compare and contrast Bartimaeus before and after interacting with Jesus.

GROW IN THE WORD

- In what ways does this physical restoration of sight represent the spiritual aspects of Jesus' ministry? See also John 9:39-41; Acts 26:17-18; Ephesians 1:18.

- What qualities about Bartimaeus and/or Jesus from this passage do you admire and want to emulate?

UPCOMING EVENTS

MEN'S SUMMIT RETREAT

February 23 - 25 | Camp Eagle

This year's Summit is about activating our faith despite the things that hinder us and taking the next best small step. Join us to hear encouraging testimonies and biblical teachings that will challenge you to activate your faith. Learn more and register online!

PEACE IN PLANNING

February 7 | 9 am - 12 pm | \$25 Per Person

This seminar is presented by professionals in the industry who share information regarding estate planning, planning for incapacity, financial planning, end-of-life planning, and wills. We will supply you with a notebook with forms and general information. Register Online.

GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Pray to begin your group time. Remind the group why you are meeting: to connect in meaningful relationships, to grow spiritually, and to engage in the life and work of the church together. Reflect on the values you want to share as a group (i.e. confidentiality, authenticity, grace).

CONNECT (30-40 MIN)

You can use these suggestions to foster connection and build community in your group. You can break your group into smaller parts if needed, pick a question to discuss, and let each member get to know one another.

- Spend a few minutes catching up with one another. Share any updates from previous prayer requests.
- Ask the second question in the Connect section of the passage guide and give each person a chance to respond.

GROW (30-40 MIN)

Gather back as a big group if you broke up earlier and have one person pray over your time discussing God's word. As you discuss, don't worry if there are questions left unanswered or unresolved. Reach out to ministry leaders or pastors for any needed clarification.

- Select 2-3 questions that have cross-references. Pick questions that stand out to you, or that you believe would be most helpful for your group.
- Read the passage and any cross-references together and discuss.

ENGAGE (30-40 MIN)

Reflect on the biblical truth God revealed to you this week and discuss a plan of action to apply what you have learned. Gather in smaller groups of 2-4 again. Discuss your plan of action and pray for one another.

- Discuss the last question of the passage guide. Refer back to the discussion related to the qualities each group member admires in others.
- Close group time by sharing prayer requests and praying for one another.