

Bartimaeus

Bible Study Leader's Guide

TO BEGIN

Open the group in prayer (or ask one of the teens to do so).

GETTING FAMILIAR

READ: Mark 10:46-52

Q: What is going on in this story?

A: Allow the students to repeat back to you what happened in their own words.

READ IT AGAIN: Mark 10:46-52

Q: What stands out to you in the story of Bartimaeus?

A: Discuss each point that students bring up, allow them to dive into conversation about what stood out to them and use the rest of the questions to help guide the conversation

DEEP DIVE: Bartimaeus

READ: Mark 10:46-52

Q: Bartimaeus was blind, he needed his sight to be healed. What do you need healing from in your own life?

Q: Do you ever feel helpless in these situations? Why or why not?



Q: Do you think that if you asked God for Mercy like Bartimaeus did that He would help you? Why or why not?

Q: Jesus asked Bartimaeus, "What do you want?" If Jesus asked you, "What do you want?" how would you respond?

Q: Have you ever asked something of the Lord in prayer before? If so, what happened? If not, what do you think would happen?

Q: Bartimaeus had to cry out to the Lord multiple times before Jesus responded. What does that mean for us?

A: We should persevere in prayer and be confident that the Lord will respond.

READ: Mark 10:46-52

Q: Where was Jesus going?

A: He was leaving Jericho.

Q: Do you remember what Jericho means?

A: The city of sin

Q: What does it mean that Bartimaeus, a blind man, was sitting on the road leading out of Jericho?

A: He was trying to live a good and holy life, but was blinded by sin.

Q: In what ways do you think your blinded by sin?



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Q: How does Christ call us to Him?

A: Through the Sacraments

Q: How do you feel when you know you need to go to Confession? Do you always want to go, or is it hard?

Q: How did Bartimaeus respond when Christ called him?

A: He immediately threw off his mantle and sprang to his feet

Q: How should we respond when God calls us back to Him through the Sacraments?

A: Quickly and joyfully.

Q: Do you think God takes joy in us coming to Him in the Sacrament of Confession? Why or why not?

Q: Bartimaeus received His sight, he was healed and followed Jesus out of Jericho, the city of sin. Is it

WRAP UP

Close in prayer by asking God to show us our sins and help us to overcome them through the Sacraments.



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