



“What We Really Need”

October 24

Discussion Questions

1. Compare Bartimaeus with James and John in Mark 10:35-40. How does the blind beggar differ from Jesus' disciples? What accounts for this difference?
2. Have you ever felt desperate? What was/is that like?
3. Jesus said to Bartimaeus, “What do you want me to do for you?” If Jesus asked you that question, how would you answer it? (Dig deep and be honest with yourself.)
4. Think of situations you're likely to encounter in the coming week that you anticipate being difficult. Picture yourself being in those situations and remind yourself to pray in those moments.
5. As a group, pray the Jesus Prayer in silence as a group for a set period of time. Sit in silence, breathing calmly and at your own pace. On your inhale, pray “Lord Jesus Christ,” and on your exhale, pray “have mercy on me”. Let the prayer sink from your mind into your heart. Pause between breaths. At the end, share your experience of prayer—good, bad, or otherwise.

Mark 10: 46-52

Blind Bartimaeus receives his sight

⁴⁶ Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (which means 'son of Timaeus'), was sitting by the roadside begging. ⁴⁷ When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!'

⁴⁸ Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!'

⁴⁹ Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him.'

So they called to the blind man, 'Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you.' ⁵⁰ Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus.

⁵¹ 'What do you want me to do for you?' Jesus asked him.

The blind man said, 'Rabbi, I want to see.'

⁵² 'Go,' said Jesus, 'your faith has healed you.' Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.