

Family Discipleship Resource

Oct 26-Nov 1
(Mrk 10:46-52)



G – Gather for Prayer

Father,

Thank you for reaching me when I was far removed from you. Direct my attention to those who are on the outside looking in so that I may be able to reach them with the gospel.

In Jesus' Name, Amen

R – Read the Text (Mark 10:46-52)

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.

O – Observe what God has said

Describe the relationship between the blind man and the crowd. Why do you suppose this was the case?

How does Jesus involve the crowd in engaging this man?

What does Jesus' miracle illustrate about his ability to save?

W – Work on Application

These three interactions that take place as Jesus in in route to Jerusalem illustrate what can happen when God's people give attention to those who may exist outside our normal circles. In this case, blind outsider, once engaged, is able to find welcome at the feet of Jesus and begins a new life of discipleship as a result. Similar outsiders that exist in our proximity are just as much in need of what Bartimaeus received today. Though they may not be stuck in physical blindness, they are stuck in other circumstances that keep them from naturally engaging the fellowship of God's people and, at times even the truth of God's word. We ought not ignore them. We ought to engage them and, as Jesus instructs the crowd in Mark 10, meet them where they are and bring them to Jesus. Any religiosity that would have us disregard or ignore people who may be "on the outside" is a religiosity that must be abandoned.

In what ways can our comfort zone inhibit our ability to give our attention where it is needed?

Who is around us that is not receiving adequate attention?

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