

Lifeline

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ICE-BREAKER

Have you ever created an “at-home” experiment? What did you do?

SCRIPTURE

Mark 10:46-52 NLT

46 Then they reached Jericho, and as Jesus and his disciples left town, a large crowd followed him. A blind beggar named Bartimaeus (son of Timaeus) was sitting beside the road. 47 When Bartimaeus heard that Jesus of Nazareth was nearby, he began to shout, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” 48 “Be quiet!” many of the people yelled at him. But he only shouted louder, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” 49 When Jesus heard him, he stopped and said, “Tell him to come here.” So they called the blind man. “Cheer up,” they said. “Come on, he’s calling you!” 50 Bartimaeus threw aside his coat, jumped up, and came to Jesus. 51 “What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus asked. “My Rabbi,” the blind man said, “I want to see!” 52 And Jesus said to him, “Go, for your faith has healed you.” Instantly the man could see, and he followed Jesus down the road.

Luke 6:36 TPT

Overflow with mercy and compassion for others, just as your heavenly Father overflows with mercy and compassion for all.

BE

When you hear the name “Jesus” what are the first images, titles, feelings that come to mind?

Read Mark 10:46-52 NLT. What stands out to you? What questions do you have?

Study questions for Mark 10:46-52 NLT:

Who was Bartimaeus? What can we infer about him?

What did people know of Jesus at this point? Where was He coming from and where was He going? Does this story show up anywhere else in the Gospels?

Why does Bartimaeus ask Jesus to “have mercy?” What does that mean specifically? Why does the crowd react with disdain and then when does the crowd tell Bartimaeus to “Cheer up.” What is the subtext, or the story beneath the story, in this passage?

Why is Jesus’ response significant?

Read Luke 6:36 TPT. How will you respond to this command from Jesus this week?

DO

For ministry, spend time first giving thanks to the Lord. Acknowledge who He is. Recall the images, titles, and feelings you listed when you hear the name “Jesus”. What additional admirations come to mind?

Then, spend time listening to the Holy Spirit. Ask Him to help you identify with a character in the Mark 10 passage. What does Holy Spirit bring to mind? Are there places of doubt in your life? Are you causing others to be discouraged? Are you waiting for a miracle? Ask the Holy Spirit to speak His truth into your life.

Conclude with praise and thanksgiving for spending time with the Lord.

