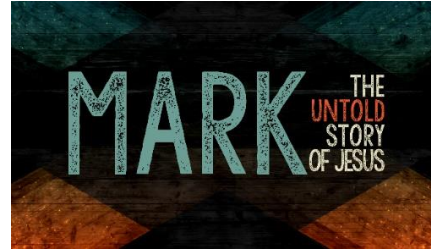


Eastridge Church
Sermon Study Questions

Series - Mark: The Untold Story of Jesus

Week 34: Eyes to See

Passage: Mark 10:46-52



Conversation Starter:

Share something that you have seen that left you in awe.

Read Mark 10:46-52

In these first two verses we are introduced to Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, son of Timaeus. As Bartimaeus is calling out to Jesus he uses the title "Son of David". *What is significant about this title (hint: 2 Samuel 7:12-13) and what does it tell us about Bartimaeus?*

Although it is undeniable that Jesus is the central acting character in this passage, Bartimaeus is also an active agent. *What are some characteristics that he displays in this passage? What can we learn from those characteristics? What does Jesus attribute his healing to?*

Take some time to imagine the crowd and momentum of this event. Jesus is on his way to Jerusalem, He is passing through Jericho and a large crowd is moving along with him. In the midst of that, a singular voice can be heard crying out for mercy and Jesus stops and engages. *What stunning attributes does this sequence of events highlight about God? Take some time to discuss these attributes and how they need to shape how we see Him.*

The final verses of this passage detail a healing that displays faith and leads to a transformed heart and life. Not many of us may be able to claim such a dramatic healing in our lives, but as believers we can point to a time of transformation where God opened the eyes of our hearts to what He was/is doing. *Take some time to share an instance where this happened for you.*

Close your time praying against the evils of racism and violence that run so deeply in our country. Pray that God will open your eyes for ways that you can be salt and light during this time. Pray that more men and women will have the faith to allow their eyes to be opened to God's transformational power. The only power that can truly change us into who we were meant to be.

Ways to dig deeper:

- [The Longing for Home](#) by Fredrick Buechner