



Sermon Discussion Guide
Series: Prep Time, Wk5: See
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Big Idea

 During Lent, are we seeing Jesus for who He truly is? True spiritual sight means recognizing who Jesus really is, persistently seeking Him in faith, and responding by following Him.

Icebreaker

 Share of a time (fun or serious) when you completely missed something that was obvious to others (i.e. a mistake, an object in plain sight, a misunderstanding, etc.). What happened & how did you realize it?


Discussion Questions

1. Read **Mark 10:46-48**. Who do we see the crowd referring to Jesus as? How does Bartimaeus refer to Jesus? What does Bartimaeus' title for Jesus reveal to us about what he believed? How does this differ from how the crowd saw Jesus? Are there ways we might *know about* Jesus without fully recognizing who He truly is?
2. Re-read **Mark 10:48**. How does the crowd respond to Bartimaeus? Why do you think they do this? How may have you unintentionally created barriers that make it harder for someone to see Jesus? How has someone done this to you or to someone else?
3. How does Bartimaeus respond to the crowd's rebuke? What does this show us about Bartimaeus' faith? What is an area of your life, or an area of someone's life you care deeply about, that requires your persistence in prayer &/or faith even though the current circumstances may be discouraging to you?
4. Read **Mark 10:49-51**. What would a beggar's cloak likely represent; mean for them? Why is this significant, then, to see what Bartimaeus does with his? What might be a "cloak" (something that provides comfort or security) in your life but that might be holding you back from fully seeing and thus following Jesus? What is an initial step you could take to better your sight/break this bondage?
5. In what way does Jesus respond to Bartimaeus differently than the crowd? Why do you think that He does so? What does this tell you about God and how is this encouraging to you?
6. What does Jesus ask Bartimaeus in vs.51? Why do you think Jesus asked him this instead of just healing him (I mean...Jesus could obviously observe (and He is God) what is wrong & what Bartimaeus needs.)? If Jesus asked you this vs.51 question today, what would you honestly ask Him for?
7. Read **Mark 10:52**. What did Bartimaeus do after receiving his sight? What does that reveal about true faith? What does it look like in everyday life to move from simply receiving God's help to actively following Jesus?

Concluding Question

 Read **Psalms 119:18**. What spiritual blind spots might God be inviting you to see more clearly during Lent?

Prayer

 Recite Together the following Prayer of Illumination: *"Almighty God, in You are hidden all the treasures of wisdom & knowledge. Open our eyes that we may see the wonders of Your Word; and give us grace that we may clearly understand & freely choose the way of Your wisdom; through Christ our Lord. Amen."*