

Here are some talking points to start using to get your group talking to each other and to start generating meaningful conversations. You want others to do most of the talking.

Start Talking. Find a conversation starter for your group. Ask a question to get your group thinking. Which part of the message was most impactful to you and why?

Start Sharing & Talking About the message. NOTE: Pastor may not cover all points in all services.

Setting/Open: How to study a passage of scripture – read the passage, note the facts, note the meaning of the facts and note points of application. In this way we hold onto God & His word so we can apply it to our lives. The study begins in Jericho, a town on the way to Jerusalem.

V46 Blind Bartimaeus: The meaning of his name. Bar = the son of; Timaeus = the unclean. What a burden to carry through life – blind, begging, the son of the unclean.

Contrast with the name Barnabas: Bar = the son of; nabas = encouragement. Son of encouragement

V47 He Cries Out: He hears Jesus is coming and cries out to make himself heard above the noise of the crowd. Why does he cry out in such desperation? **A.** He has spent his whole life blind, unclean – thought by society to be the proper judgement of God for his uncleanness. He is crying out loudly in desperation for mercy. “Jesus, son of David, have mercy on me!” It’s his only chance.

V48 The Crowd’s Response: What was the response to his calling out to Jesus? **A.** “Be quiet.” We can’t hear Him. And his response to them? **A.** He cries out more fervently.

V49 Jesus Stands Still: What is Jesus’ response to the blind, unclean, beggar calling out to Him?

A. He stood still. What is Jesus telling us about coming to Him? **A.** Not, I’ll come to you who are weary and heavy laden; but, Come to Me all you who are weary and heavy laden. **Matt 11:28-29**

What does coming to Jesus require? **A.** For a person to make a choice and act intentionality.

Mark 10:17-22 The Rich Young Ruler: Contrast to Bartimaeus. What does the rich young ruler do when Jesus tells him the cost of being His follower? **A.** He goes away sorrowful.

V49B Encouragement from the crowd. Question that can’t be answer – the people encouraging him now, were they the same people just moments ago that were discouraging him?

App: By the Holy Spirit, let the church today provide encouragement to the “sons of uncleanness.”

V50 He risked it all: Bartimaeus throws aside his garment to go to Jesus. What was the garment to him? **A.** Everything – bed, blanket, home, security, money holder...all worthless to come to Jesus. (Contrasted to the Rich Young Ruler who walked away from Jesus in order to hold on to what he had)

V51 The Unclean One Comes the Holy One: In desperation, the one who has been known as the unclean one all his life comes to the Holy One to ask for his sight.

V52 Jesus Shows Mercy: Jesus grants Bartimaeus his request based on his faith.

Amazing Grace: how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me; I once was lost, but now I’m found; I once was **blind**, but now I see. What was the response of Bartimaeus to receiving his sight?

A. He followed Jesus. What should our response to Jesus be based on what He has done for us?

A. Follow Him; give Him our all. **Rom 12:1 App:** Cry out to Jesus passionately and persistently.

Encourage others; don’t make it difficult for them to come to Jesus. Accept the invitation to come to Jesus no matter the cost.

Start Praying & Start Doing. Please remember to fill out the LIFEgroup meeting assessment form after your meeting. Here is the link: <https://subsplash.com/u/-3VJ3ZF/forms/d/439cdb6e-6d23-4b0a-9aeb-05199f86a9f2>

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Take Courage! Rise! He is calling you!

Mark 10:46-52

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