

Mark 10:46-52 English Standard Version (ESV)

46 And they came to Jericho. And as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside. **47** And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" **48** And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" **49** And Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart. Get up; he is calling you." **50** And throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. **51** And Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" And the blind man said to him, "Rabbi, let me recover my sight." **52** And Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way.

Discussion/Journal Questions

How is everyone doing with the Resolve 2021 goals? How is your time in prayer, Bible, and Christian community going?

What is your definition of an ordinary life? What is it about an ordinary life that makes it so tempting?

Read Mark 10:46-52. Use your imagination. What does an ordinary day look like for Bartimaeus?

How does recognizing our limitations empower us to live a life less ordinary?

What are some of your own limitations that force you to depend on Jesus more?

What kind of risks does Jesus call us to take? What risks have you taken for Jesus? What happened?

In the sermon, John said, "But in order for there to be stories of transformation, there first has to be people who take a risk and go where no one else is going." Who in your life took a risk to help you know, love, and follow Jesus?

Who is Jesus calling you to take a risk for?

What is the difference between being a disciple of Jesus and a bystander of Jesus? Which one are you?

Read Hebrews 12:1. What does it mean to run the race with endurance? What are some of the obstacles that stand in our way?

How would a life less ordinary be different from your ordinary life? What do you need to do to live a life less ordinary for Jesus? How can your group help you?

Who are you praying for to accept Jesus, and what specifically did you do this week to interact with them?

Who are you currently discipling, and what specifically did you do this week to help them know, love, and follow Jesus?

Who are you considering for future discipleship relationships, and what specifically did you do this week to interact with them?