



Discussion Guide

The Radical Life of Following Jesus (Part 4)

As A Group...

1. SPEND SOME TIME SHARING WITH EACH OTHER AND PRAISING GOD FOR WHAT HE IS DOING IN YOUR LIFE.

2. TAKE SOME TIME TO SHARE WHAT GOD IS TEACHING YOU.

3. TAKE SOME TIME TO SHARE WHAT YOU'RE ASKING GOD TO DO IN YOUR LIFE AND PRAY FOR EACH OTHER.

1. Read the passage (Mark 10:17-31) and answer the following questions:
2. What do we know about Bartimaeus? What do you think life was like for him as a blind beggar living in that day?
3. How did the crowd treat Bartimaeus? Why do you think they acted in this way?
4. Is there anyone or any group of people that you might be intentionally or unintentionally excluding from Jesus?
5. How does Bartimaeus demonstrate persistence in this passage?
6. Where in your life do you need to be more persistent? How does your faith in Jesus help you in this area?
7. Jesus asks the same question to Bartimaeus in verse 51 as he did to James and John back in verse 36. How is Bartimaeus' response different from James and John's response? Are they all selfish requests? What makes Bartimaeus' request different?
8. What does Jesus mean when he says that Bartimaeus' faith has healed him?
9. Bartimaeus goes from a beggar beside the road to a disciple on the road. Jesus has a way of moving us off of the sidelines. What kinds of things keep Christians on the sidelines?
10. Where in your life are you more on the "side of the road" rather than "on the road" with Jesus? How does our new identity in Christ motivate us to get off the side of the road?