

A Journey of Seeing, Being, Doing, Trusting, and Growing

Prepared for the FSI Vision Team



Devotional 1: Help Me to See

Theme: *Preparing to Go — A Posture of Vision Before Action*

Scripture Focus: *Mark 10:46–52*

“Rabbi, I want to see.” — Bartimaeus

Whether you’re reflecting during a quiet moment at home, on a walk, or while packing for the trip — take a moment to slow down and pray:

“Lord, help me to see.”

In a few days, you’ll enter a place that may be unfamiliar — Honduras, Guatemala, or elsewhere. But this isn’t a *mission* trip. It’s a *vision* trip. And that distinction matters.

Mission trips often assume we are bringing something to fix or give.

Vision trips begin with the humility to ask: **“What is God already doing here?”**

We’re not going to do something. We’re going to see something.

Or more accurately — to *see differently*.

In Mark 10, Bartimaeus was blind, but he saw more clearly than the crowd. He cried out to Jesus while others tried to quiet him. He refused to miss the moment.

Like him, **you will be standing in a transformative space — a Holy in-between.**

Discomfort may rise at times. But that’s intentional. It’s where we grow

As we travel, I challenge you throughout the week to reflect deeply on these anchors:

- **The Hurt** – the afflictions and challenges of people and place (in their context)
- **The Hope** – the resilience, healing, and redemptive work of God- Seeing Abundance in Scarcity

- **The Heart** – the calling and longings of those we meet — and in us - The true work of the Gospel toward discipleship

This is not tourism. It's transformation.

We aren't going to fix. We're going to listen. To see. To Be. To Do. To Grow. To be guests in someone else's sacred story.

Practice:

Carry a small symbol with you on this trip — a stone, a bracelet, a note — something to remind you to pray:

“Lord, help me to see.”

“Come and see what God has done, his awesome deeds for mankind.”
— *Psalms 66:5*

Reflection Space

- What are you expecting from this trip?
 - What might God be inviting you to see differently?
 - How can you prepare your heart to be a guest and learner?
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Prayer:

Jesus, Rabbi, I want to see. Help me enter this trip, not with answers, but with open eyes. Let me see as You see — and let what I see change who I am.
Amen.

Practical Tips to think about for day 1:

Packing: (Clothes to paint in, leave being/throw way), work gloves, journal Bible

Travel: (easy access to Passport, Travel Plan Document, Snacks and fluids) The trip leader will lead through customs navigations

Honduras: Pray for your Hosts (Mario, Eduardo, Oscar and the Humuya Staff) and Your Trip leaders