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Mark 10:46–52

Recognizing Jesus's Identity:

How did Bartimaeus' use of the title "Son of David" reflect his understanding of who Jesus is? In what ways can we deepen our understanding of Jesus' identity, and how does that affect our faith and pursuit of Him?

Humility and Faith:

How does Bartimaeus' posture of humility and his cry for mercy inspire our approach to Jesus? Can you recall a time when humility in prayer or life led to a breakthrough or blessing? Do we sometimes approach Jesus with entitlement rather than humility? How can we cultivate a humble heart before Him?

Persistence in Prayer:

Bartimaeus shouted all the more despite being rebuked. What does his persistence teach us about prayer and faith? Are there areas in your life where you need to be more persistent in seeking God? How can we support each other to remain persistent when facing discouragement?

Responding to Jesus's Invitation:

Jesus asked, "What do you want me to do for you?" How do you personally respond when Jesus asks you that question? What might it look like for us to genuinely acknowledge our needs and trust Jesus to meet them?

Following Jesus:

After receiving his sight, Bartimaeus immediately followed Jesus. What does this teach us about the natural response to encountering Jesus' grace? In what ways are you following Jesus in your daily life? Is there anything you need to leave behind or change to more fully follow Him?

Lessons from Jesus's Response:

How does Jesus' compassion and attention to the marginalized challenge us to live differently? What are some practical ways we can show compassion to marginalized or outcast people in our community?

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Changing Environments:

The sermon highlights how Jesus' response shifted the crowd's attitude. Have you seen your own actions influence the atmosphere or attitudes of others? How can we intentionally become agents of love and encouragement in our families, workplaces, or church circles?

Reflecting on Our Circumstances:

The message points out that Jesus' mission was unaffected by His looming cross. How can we keep our focus and faith steady amid challenging circumstances? Are there ways we tend to let our circumstances diminish our faith or influence our actions? How can we overcome this?

Practical Steps Forward:

What small step can you take this week to show compassion like Jesus? How can our life group pray for each other to develop persistent, humble faith and a heart of compassion?

Prayer Prompt:

Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me. Open my eyes to see You clearly—my Savior, my Healer, my Hope. Help me recognize my own need and come to You with humility, not entitlement. Give me eyes to see the overlooked and a heart that reflects Your compassion. When the world tells me to stay silent, give me bold, persistent faith to cry out louder. Like Bartimaeus, I want to follow You—leaving everything behind to walk in the light of Your love.
Amen.