

PREACHING CURRICULUM

SIMPLY FOLLOWING JESUS – MARK 10: 46-52

WHEN FAITH MEETS GRACE

'...when you really believe Jesus is who He says He is, ...

... it is easy to believe that He will do what He says He will do...'

1 REVIEW THE SERMON

LEADER NOTES: Encourage your members to pull out their notes and review the main points of the sermon. (9-12 mins)

Reread Mark 10:46-52

What did Bartimaeus declare by calling Jesus the 'son of David'? (vs 47)

What does Bartimaeus' physical posture tell us about the required posture for faith (both soul and body)? (vs 46)

What is Bartimaeus' response to Jesus' charge to 'Go' when he is made well? (vs 52)

2 ASSESS YOUR LIFE

LEADER NOTES: Evaluate the condition of your lives in relation to the truth from God's Word. Encourage heart examination. (12-15 mins)

Do you hear Jesus take the time to be with you, just you?

Are you honouring Jesus in the way you address Him, and the way you address Him in front of others?

When you have received a blessing from God, are you encouraged to follow Him all the more?

3 APPLY THE TRUTH

LEADER NOTES: Create a list of ways to close the gap between your lives and the truth of the Bible. Be practical and intentional. (12-15 mins)

When we are rebuked by the world (vs 48), as Bartimaeus was, is our response like his?

Are we ever taken in by the lies Bartimaeus heard: that we are perhaps unworthy of Jesus touch and time (blind beggar); that Jesus doesn't have the power or capacity for you if the authorities disapproved of your belief; that Jesus doesn't have the time or resource for you in His busy schedule?

Is your faith persistent (vs 48)? Is your faith earnest (vs 50)? Is your faith enthusiastic (vs 52)?

4 COMMIT THIS WEEK

LEADER NOTES: Call your small group members to make a commitment and get the group working together to follow-up with each other. (9-12)

'...faith will only come, when in your life there is a felt deep need that only the Messiah can supply...'

How dependent was Bartimaeus on others; how dependant will you be on Christ?

Will you honour and follow Jesus with reckless abandon like Bartimaeus, so that Jesus can show you He can do what He says He can do?