

Parent Passage Guide

Mark 10

The Big Idea

Jesus flips our normal expectations upside down by showing that God's kingdom honors humble service over worldly power and status. True greatness requires giving up our personal ambitions and trusting entirely in Him, just like a helpless beggar abandoning his only possession.

Younger Children (Ages 0-12)

Read Mark 10:46-52

Ask:

- Why do you think Bartimaeus (bar-tih-MAY-us) threw away his beggar's cloak—which was his bed, coat, and mat to catch coins—when Jesus called him?
- Have you ever felt totally stuck or afraid and had to loudly ask for help, even if others wanted you to be quiet?

Do:

- **Play a 3-minute game of "Blind Trust."** Have your kids close their eyes (or use a shirt as a makeshift blindfold) and guide them safely across the living room to a specific destination using only your voice. Afterward, talk about how Bartimaeus had to completely trust Jesus to help him, just like they had to trust your voice.

Older Children & Teens (Ages 12-18)

Read Mark 10:17-27 and/or Mark 10:35-45

Ask:

- In Jesus' culture, riches were viewed as an automatic sign of God's favor and a major spiritual advantage. How do you see that exact same pressure today in your school or on social media to build up your own wealth, followers, or status?
- The core theme of this chapter is the radical reversal of worldly values, showing that true greatness means becoming a humble servant. What specific priority, desire for status, or earthly comfort might you need to let go of this week in order to fully submit to God's will?

Do

- **The "I Will" Statement:** Challenge your teen to create their own action step this week. Have them fill in the blanks: "Because of what we read, I will [Specific Action] this week."