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“Like Bartimaeus, we must cry the more, “Jesus, have mercy on me.” J.C. Ryle, Mark: Expository Thoughts on the Gospels

Central Truth: Jesus gives spiritual sight to those who recognize their blindness and cry out to Him in faith for mercy.

1. Cry Out Persistently to Jesus for Mercy (v. 46-48)

- *You will emphatically cry out to Jesus when you see how desperate your condition is.*
- *You will persistently cry out to Jesus when you understand that He is your only hope and that mercy is your only plea.*

2. Come to Jesus Unreservedly when He Calls (v. 49-51)

- *Jesus stops for the needy and calls them to Himself.*
- *Jesus is worth throwing everything off in your life for.*
- *Jesus’ repeated question reveals what our hearts truly want from Him.*

3. Recover Sight from Jesus and Follow Him (v. 52)

- *You will see spiritually when you come to know Jesus personally.*
- *When you receive sight from Jesus, you will follow Him wherever He leads.*

Mark 10:46-52

⁴⁶ And they came to Jericho. And as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷ And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁸ And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁹ And Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart. Get up; he is calling you.” ⁵⁰ And throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹ And Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” And the blind man said to him, “Rabbi, let me recover my sight.” ⁵² And Jesus said to him, “Go your way; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

These questions are for further study and application of today's text of Scripture. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. One of the best ways to grow as a disciple is by discussing these types of questions in a small group. Find a small group here: gracebiblecw.com/lifegroup or ask someone next to you if you can join their group!

1. A Persistent Cry:

- As you look at **Mark chapter 10**, who seems to understand Jesus and who seems not to understand Him? What evidence does Mark give us? What is different about Bartimaeus?

-Why do we so often have to get to a desperate place in our lives before the reality of Christ becomes true and precious to us?

2. The Compassionate Call of Jesus:

-How remarkable is it to consider that the long awaited Messiah-King of the Old Testament "stopped and said, "call him" (v. 49) as he passed by a blind beggar on the side of the road? How might that change how we view people we pass by in our day to day lives as followers of Christ?

-If Jesus were to ask you today, "what do you want me to do for you?" as He asked this blind man in v. 51, how would you respond? How is that a revealing question as you consider that He also asked James and John the same question back in v. 36?

3. The Restoration of Sight:

-How did you come to know Jesus personally as your Savior and Lord? In what ways have your desires in life changed as you've come to know Him? How can we encourage one another to continue following Him along the way of our own life's pilgrimage?