

BLIND BARTIMAEUS RECEIVES HIS SIGHT MARK 10:46-52



Parents Notes Sunday 1st December, 2019

We are learning today: We must have faith in Jesus

Summary

Have you ever thought what it must be like to beg for food or money all day long? To sit on the pavement with your paper cup or bowl waiting for people to put a few coins in it. Sitting there in the wind, the rain, the blazing sun knowing that most of the people won't even look at you, let alone give you any money. It's hard enough doing that if you can see but imagine doing it when you are blind, not seeing if someone comes and steals all your money or looks as if they want to beat you up. It must be very lonely if you are begging and can't see anything.



That was the life of blind Bartimaeus in today's story....until he met Jesus. Bartimaeus calls Jesus the "Son of David". That's another way of saying that Jesus is the Messiah foretold in the Old Testament. Bartimaeus asks Jesus to heal him and, because he has acknowledged who Jesus is, his faith leads to him receiving his sight. What does Bartimaeus do when he can see?

Mark 10: 52b "Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road."

So, he doesn't go off and celebrate, he just follows Jesus along the road. That's a bit weird isn't it? You'd think after all those years of blindness and begging he'd want some fun. But something more important had happened to Bartimaeus than being able to see Jesus with his eyes. He had now seen who Jesus was with his heart and his head. He had seen that Jesus was the Saviour and he had faith in him and, when that happens to someone, they just want to follow Jesus wherever he goes. He didn't know where Jesus was going but he knew that he wanted to be with him on that journey because Jesus was truly God's son and that, wherever Jesus was, God was and that's where Bartimaeus wanted to be too.

Try at home

Discuss and pray: Think about all the learning that we've done this term and summarise all the things you've learnt about Jesus.

Make a list of these things and pray them through as a family that they will increase your faith in him.

Can everyone remember the memory verse? >>>

Memory verse

'It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.' (Mark 2:17)

