

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

CONNECT

Each week, questions will be provided to help individuals and groups connect with the sermon and grow deeper in faith. The following questions, prompts and discussion points are meant to help guide both personal devotion and small group conversation. Be open and flexible to additional questions.

- Encourage everyone to share a highlight or lowlight from their week.
- Was there anything that caught your attention or challenged you from the message?

GROW

- Read Mark 10:46-52. Consider Lectio Divina. Wait. Read. Listen Obediently. Pray. Abide. What words or phrases stick out to you? Anything you noticed for the first time?
- What do you love most about the gift of sight?
- When did you first hear about Jesus? What feelings, emotions, questions did Jesus stir in your mind and heart? What does Bartimaeus do when he hears Jesus of Nazareth is coming?
- Jesus asks Bartimaeus... "what do you want me to do for you?" What a question! What if Jesus asked you this today? How would you answer it? Bartimaeus asks for a supernatural thing. Not five dollars. He wants his sight! How might this instruct us on what we ask Jesus?
- How healthy are the eyes of your heart? If you had an opportunity to ask Jesus for greater sight, for what would you ask? In what area of your life? What aren't you seeing?
- Read the reflection on the blind beggar again. Highlight the questions asked and spend time listening to those questions.
- Take Home: Contemplate the invitation to stop. Today and in the days that follow watch yourself life. Be on the lookout for opportunities to pause. These moments of pausing may be invitations to pray about your own dance of life. Or, they may be opportunities for you to reach out to someone who needs to take heart.

PRAYER

Spend intentional time together in prayer this week. Share prayer requests.

Group leaders, I would love to pray with you with you this week? Please ask the group if you can share prayer requests with the pastoral staff this week. Thanks! - Pastor Lyndsey