

Mark 10: 46- 52

Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (which means "son of Timaeus"), was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

Jesus stopped and said, "Call him."

So they called to the blind man, "Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you." Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus.

"What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him.

The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see."

"Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

Icebreaker

Do you feel like Christmas is a time of year that you put your head down and march your way through the season? What do you look forward to this time of year? What do you dread?

How could you in your very real life experience of December, catch a moment to restore your heart and mind and soul? What would that look like for you?

Have someone read Mark 10 above.

Conversation Starters

What does this story tell you about what King Jesus is like?

How could you practice moving through life more like Jesus?

- How could you see Jesus like the blind man?
- How could you see the "blind men" around you (or in you) like Jesus?
- What would this require you to do? Think? Feel? Plan? Prioritize?

How would you answer Jesus question, "What do you want me to do for you"?