

GATHER 10

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS Week of October 24, 2021

This week's discussion questions are based on the Gospel found at Mark 10:46-52

- ✦ In the Gospel, the crowd rebuked Bartimaeus “telling him to be silent.” Why do you suppose they did that? Is there anyone in your life who, like Bartimaeus, is calling out for your attention? How can you be more like Jesus and listen to them so that they feel valued?
- ✦ In an attempt to listen and understand Bartimaeus' needs, Jesus asked him, “What do you want me to do for you?” Some people do not listen with the intent to understand; they listen with the intent to reply. What tends to be your default intention? Is it to understand? Or is it to be understood?
- ✦ Sometimes taking a moment to prepare for a conversation and become aware of what the other person is dealing with can be helpful. Do you take time to prepare for conversations or do you jump right in? How could taking time to become aware of the other person's situation improve the quality of your conversations?
- ✦ Notice how Bartimaeus asks directly for his sight. Are you that forward with your requests of God? Why or why not?
- ✦ What do you think is the miracle here – the blind trust and faith of Bartimaeus or the healing of the physical blindness?
- ✦ In reflecting on your own life, has sin ever blinded you and distorted your perception of reality?

Prayer Intentions