

Getting to Know Each Other.

Share light refreshments. Go around the group and introduce yourselves and talk through this question: *“When have you suddenly found yourself in total darkness and how did that feel?”* *

Follow up. Did you get to share with someone about Jesus this past week?
Or how else did you obey Jesus?

Vision. Jesus told us to “Make disciples.” The purpose of our Life Group is: To help people become Believers in Jesus and grow up to become Disciple Makers.

Bible Study Introduction. In the passage we are looking at today, Jesus is passing through Jericho for the last time before His crucifixion. Blindness was considered by many people in that day to be a curse because of some sin. “Son of David” is a title that refers to the Messiah, the Savior of the Jews.

Pray. Before we read the Scripture, let’s pray that God will speak to each one of us.

Read. We will read through the passage three times and then discuss it, so listen carefully. Get three people to read **Mark 10:46-52.** **

Discuss these questions, one at a time, encouraging everyone who wants to respond to do so. Remind the group: Keep your answers based just on this passage.

1. What stands out or surprises you in this passage?
2. What does it show us about people and choices we can make?
 - Many people in the crowd told Bartimaeus to be quiet. Why would they do that?
 - What would have been the result if Bartimaeus had stopped calling out to Jesus?
 - When Jesus called for the man, the people suddenly changed their tune and encouraged Bartimaeus. What does that show about people’s opinions?
3. What does this passage show us about God?
 - When Jesus heard Bartimaeus, He stopped. This must have caused the whole crowd to stop too. What does this show about Jesus?
 - Rather than going to where the man was sitting, Jesus called for the blind man to come to Him through the crowd. What does that show that Jesus may ask us to do?
 - When is a time that Jesus answered after you continually called out to Him in prayer?

Obeying Jesus. As disciples of Jesus, we want to follow Jesus in whatever way He is leading us today. As we pray silently for 30 seconds, see if God speaks to your heart. Pray something like this:
“Lord Jesus, what do you want me to do with what You are showing me today?” [30 sec. silent prayer]

Remember to obey what God is saying to you. And this week ask God who He wants you to talk with about Jesus. Let’s close in prayer.

Closing Prayer.

Pray something like: “Lord, prepare the hearts of the people we will be sharing the Good News of Jesus with this week. And give us strength and joy as we follow You. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

** If there are no new people, you can skip the “icebreaker.”*
*** Reading from different translations often helps.*