

## Session 9

### ‘What do you want me to do for you?’



### Reading: **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.

### Introduction:

Bartimaeus was aware that Jesus was near - and he didn’t want to let that moment pass him by. He did everything in his power to be heard.

- Can you think of a time when you felt like you were missing out on something? What did it feel like? What did you do about it?

### WORD:

Read the bible passage together. Take your time. Imagine the sights, the sounds and the smells. Place yourselves within the narrative.

- Put yourself in the position of the crowd. Excited to be with Jesus. What do you notice?
- Imagine you are Bartimaeus, sitting by the side of the road. What emotions stir up as you sense Jesus is passing by? How do you respond when the crowds try to stop you?
- What does it feel like when Jesus asks you “What do you want me to do for you?”

Compare this passage to Mark 10:35-45.

- What stands out to you as you reflect on the two passages?
- What challenges you?

### PRAYER:

Bartimaeus called out to “Jesus, Son of David”. He named Him as the Messiah, the Chosen One and he believed he had the power to heal.

- Are there any situations in your life, or among your friends, community, our country, our world, that you would like to speak Jesus’ name over?

For Bartimaeus, the cloak would have represented his livelihood, his source of income and security, yet he casts it off when Jesus calls him (v50).

- Is there anything in your life that is holding you back from responding to Jesus’ call on your life?

If Jesus was standing in the room now and he asked the question “What do you want me to do for you?” How would you answer that question?

**ACTION:** What practical action does today’s reading and discussion encourage?