

GLORIFYING GOD

Printed Text: *Mark 10:46 - 52*

Bible Background: Mark 10:46 - 52; Luke 18:35 - 43

Devotional Reading: 2 Samuel 6:12 - 19

LESSON AIMS: the students will:

- Describe the life situation of a blind person in the time of Jesus
- Explain the Biblical connection between physical blindness and spiritual blindness
- Acknowledge the dangers of spiritual blindness

INTRODUCTION: Today's text followed Jesus as He made His way toward Jerusalem and the Cross. This journey found the Pharisees being true to their antagonistic calling as well as by others who sought Jesus. Two disciples, James and John, requested seats of prominence and prestige - - underscoring their ignorance to the Savior's real purpose. Jesus had again predicted His death, but this declaration had once again fallen upon deaf ears. Service is Jesus' purpose. As they traveled, Jesus illustrated service as He stopped to care for a man born blind.

KEY VERSE: *51 And Jesus answered and said unto him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight.*
Mark 10:51 / KJV

LESSON:

- The Blind Beggar Mark 10:46 - 48

- The Merciful Master Mark 10:49 - 52

SUMMARY: The disciples were decidedly ignorant of Jesus' declaration of His impending death. Immediately after sharing news of His most important mission, they were self-absorbed in their own 'earthly' goals. Bartimaeus was healed in Jericho as Jesus and the disciples headed toward Jerusalem for the culmination of our Lord's earthly ministry. This man's physical sight serves as a model for our spiritual sight as disciples of Christ. Jesus gave him his sight. Bartimaeus immediately could see and began to follow Him. Bartimaeus cried out to the Lord; he did not give up; he made his request known.

QUESTIONS:

1. *When seeing someone in need, what are some ways to ensure that your actions don't do more harm than good?*
2. *Under what circumstances are you more likely to call on Jesus audibly rather than silently?*
3. *Which concept or imperative in today's lesson do you have the most trouble coming to grips with? Why?*

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DAY / DATE	SCRIPTURE	
Mon., Sept. 13 th	Blind Eyes Shall Be Opened	Isaiah 35:1 - 6
Tue., Sept. 14 th	Declare God's Glory Among the Nations	Psalms 96
Wed., Sept. 15 th	Glory to God's Name Alone	Psalms 115:1 - 3, 9 - 18
Thurs., Sept. 16 th	Only God Is Good	Mark 10:17 - 22
Fri., Sept. 17 th	Greatness Through Servanthood	Mark 10:42 - 45
Sat., Sept. 18 th	Praise the Lord, O My Soul!	Psalms 146
Sun., Sept. 19 th	Praise God for Healing!	Mark 10:46 - 52