

WEEKLY GUIDE

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

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GATHER!
SUNDAY AND
THURSDAY

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TALK!
DISCUSS THE
LESSONS

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DO!
PUT THE
LESSONS INTO
PRACTICE

4
PRAY!
MAKE YOUR
REQUESTS
KNOWN TO GOD

BIBLE READINGS:

Mark 10:46-52; Acts 4:1-31

MARK 10:46-52

46 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.

47 When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

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

49 Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” So they called to the blind man, “Cheer up! On your feet! He’s calling you.”

50 Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus.

51 “What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus asked him. The blind man said, “Rabbi, I want to see.”

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

ACTS 4:18-20

18 Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus.

19 But Peter and John replied, “Which is right in God’s eyes: to listen to you, or to him? You be the judges!

20 As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.”

ACTS 4:31

31 After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

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DISCUSSION:

What is the difference between those who recognized Jesus as "Jesus of Nazareth" and those who acknowledged Him as "Son of David?"

The blind man asked for Jesus to have mercy on him. Why do you think he didn't ask Jesus to heal his blindness specifically? What do you make of this?

How do you respond when people try to silence you? Why do people attempt to silence believers and those crying out to God? Why would anyone tell someone not to speak or teach in the name of Jesus? How does this relate in the world today?

What did the cloak that Bartimaeus threw aside represent? How could this relate to someone today? Is there anything you need to throw aside that represents a beggarly status?

What do you want Jesus to do for you? Why is it so important to have faith? What did Jesus say healed him?

What did Bartimaeus do after he regained his sight? Do you think he was also eager to tell others what Jesus did for him? What about you? Are you eager to tell people what Jesus has done for you?

APPLICATION:

What impacted you the most from this lesson? What were your big takeaways? What will you apply to your life? How will you put what you learned into practice in your life this week?

SUMMARY:

We all have needs. The truth is we are all at one time in our life spiritually blind. We must recognize that Jesus is not just any man. He is more than a good teacher. He is the Son of David, the promised Messiah, the Christ. As such, He can save us from our sin. We must cry out, "Have mercy on me!" and allow Jesus to open our blind eyes. We cannot limit God. We must place our faith, not in man, but in Jesus, the only One who can heal, save, and forgive. Once our spiritual sight is restored, we can follow Jesus and share all that He has done for us with others.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

