



Introduction

While Jesus and his disciples traveled to Jerusalem they came to the city/region of Jericho where Bartimaeus (son of Timaeus), a blind beggar shouted out to them, hoping to be healed. In Jesus' response we see God's heart revealed by his desire (and power) to heal physical and spiritual blindness.

Observation/Interpretation

- What are some of the areas that you may be blind to in your life? (Would others agree?)
- In Mark 10:48, what is revealed by the impatience of those who rebuked the beggar?
- Compare Mark 10:36-37 with Mark 10:51. Jesus asks the exact same question w/ two very different responses. What do you think Mark is intending for us to learn about this apparent contrast of response to Jesus' question.

Application

- How is Jesus' response to the beggar different than yours might be?
- How is God calling us to consider the needs of the poor and marginalized?
- What do you learn about the character of God through this encounter?

Prayer

- Pray that God would give you his heart for those in need of his love and salvation.

Community Group Discussion

- Read the passage together out loud.
- Involve your group by asking/answering the study questions, taking the time to share.
- Ask for prayer requests and be sure to pray together.

Family Discussion

- Have your child/children read the passage aloud, if old enough otherwise you read it aloud.
- Involve them by asking questions.
- Ask for prayer requests and invite them to pray together as a family.

A great way to use of these notes is to start/join a Community Group

These notes can be used for personal bible study, yet, another way would be to invite some people together. We call these intentional gatherings, 'Community Groups'.

What is a Community Group?

Community Groups are small gatherings of believers (non-believers welcomed too!) that meet regularly for accountability, friendship, study of the Bible and prayer. Community Groups are an essential part of the mission of Calvary SLO Church as they are a place where we wrestle with the truths of the Bible and encourage one another toward the life God intends. Each community group is unique and molded by the people who attend it. Most community groups gather weekly and involve food, dialog, prayer, discussion for applying the Bible to practical living, and loving service to one-another. They're meant to be an organic and authentic expression of the church, actively living like the body of Jesus.

Why should I join/start a Community Group?

God is a Trinitarian God who is revealed as one in three persons: Father, Son and Spirit. We've been made to image God, which means we're designed for community & friendship. We often suffer when we're not in community, due to the brokenness of life, complexity of this world and the temptation to isolate ourselves. We encourage you to gather with a small group of friends, family or roommates on a weekly basis and use these discussion notes to press deeper into God.

How do I join the Calvary SLO Community Group eco-system?

We're enthusiastic about all forms of biblical community, however there are definite benefits to joining with the Calvary SLO Community Group (CG) eco-system. In short, the benefits are:

- **Training:** We have trainings intent on equipping leaders.
- **Support:** Each CG leader is assigned a coach to provide assistance and ongoing support.
- **Visibility:** CG's are promoted via the bulletin, website & given access to The City (our online social network).

To join all you have to do is sign up for the next upcoming training! Info: pastor James: james@calvaryslo.com.