

# Bible Study Questions

## ***The Way – Mark 10:46-52***

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### **Focus**

Jesus truly is the Messiah who saves and gives sight to the (spiritually) blind, and therefore a genuine disciple is one who in faith, like Bartimaeus, cries out to Jesus for mercy and follows Him on the way.

### **Read**

[Mark 10:46-52](#)

### **Listen**

CCNYC teaching on Mark 10 which can be found on our [website](#)

*As you study this passage on your own or with a small group of others, here are some questions for study, reflection, and application.*

### **Some Questions for Study and Reflection**

1. Where is Jericho and how does it figure into Jesus' journey to Jerusalem?
2. What do you learn about Bartimaeus from this passage?
3. Can you remember any of the names of other people who Jesus healed in Mark's Gospel? After you answer, consider why do you think that might be?
4. What does this title 'Son of David' mean and where does it come from?
5. What do you learn about Jesus from this passage?
6. Compare Jesus' interaction with James and John in verses 32-40 with His interaction with Bartimaeus. What conclusions should we draw?
7. At the end of verse 52, we once again see this phrase "on the way". Look back over 8:22-10:52 and consider why this has been such an oft repeated phrase.
8. Why might this larger section of Mark's Gospel begin (8:22-26) and end (10:46-52) with the healing of a blind man?

### **Closing Reflection and Application**

9. Why is blindness and the restoration of sight such a good illustration for spiritual realities? Where in the Bible is this kind of language used to speak of our spiritual state?

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10. What was it like for you when Jesus first opened your eyes to the truth of who He is?
11. Why should this truth that Jesus must open our eyes make us very humble, gracious, and grateful? How is it made you that?
12. It has been said that Jesus helps us see here the 'art of stopping' – that is, seeing those in need and stopping to help. Do you find that hard to do? How might you grow in this art?
13. How would you respond to someone who tries to argue from verse 52 that the reason a person isn't healed is because they don't have enough faith? What is true faith?
14. What can we learn from Bartimaeus about the nature of genuine discipleship?
15. Would you say that right now you're truly following Jesus on the way?
16. Sunday's sermon held out a vision of a local church as being a community in which we are all on the same journey with each of us having the job of helping each other follow Jesus all the way to the very end. What do you make of that vision? Do you find it compelling? Why or why not?
17. How can we as a church help each other to faithfully follow Jesus all the way to the very end? What does that entail?