



Being with Jesus: Discipleship in the Book of Mark

Week 3: Blind Faith

Mark 8:22-26; 10:46-52

Spiritual Blindness

When reading the stories about Jesus, you can see a lot of spiritual blindness. People didn't understand what He was trying to say, who He was, or what He was trying to do.

Common people sometimes misunderstood Him. Religious teachers didn't get what He was saying. Even His own disciples often were wrong about Him.

In the two stories we're looking at today, we'll see some folks who are physically blind, but see clearly who Jesus is.

Spiritual Clarity

They came to Bethsaida, and some people brought a blind man and begged Jesus to touch him. He took the blind man by the hand and led him outside the village. When he had spit on the **man's** eyes and put his hands on him, Jesus asked, "**Do** you see **anything?**"

He looked up and said, "**I** see people; they look like trees walking **around.**"

Once more Jesus put his hands on the **man's** eyes. Then his eyes were opened, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. — Mark 8:22-26

Gaining spiritual clarity is often a **process**.

Trusting in what we cannot see:

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. — Mark 10:46-52

● Christian discipleship teaches us to prioritize spiritual clarity.

