



WEEK SIX
July 5, 2020

The Most Important Type of Freedom
Text: Mark 10: 46-52

Big Idea: We must be aware of how we can have spiritual freedom in Jesus

Memory verse: "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:45

Weekly Ministry Items

Announcements: _____

Outreach/Ministry Reports: _____

Prayer Time: _____

Group Lesson Plan:

Paraphrase the Text: _____

Read the Text: _____

Facilitate Bible Study: _____

Discussion Questions:

Icebreaker: Has there ever been a time in your life where you were desperate for help (a flat tire in the rain, a medical emergency, etc.)? What were your feelings toward the person who helped you?

How would you describe the setting of verse 46? In our text, we are introduced to Bartimaeus. How does Mark describe Him? What do you think life was like for Bartimaeus?

Describe verses 47-48 in your own words. What words are used in this text to reveal Bartimaeus' desperation? Have you ever heard a blood-curdling scream before? What did it do to you? How did Bartimaeus address the Lord? What is significant about the title *Son of David*? Why do you think Bartimaeus begged Jesus for mercy? Has there ever been a time in your life that you realized your need for His mercy? What was the response of the crowd surrounding Bartimaeus? Why would they want to silence him? Read Matthew 11: 28-30. What is the Lord's response to those who call upon Him in faith?

In verse 49, we read that Jesus immediately "stopped." How significant is it to you that the King of Heaven would immediately stop and listen to the plea of a blind, broken and socially undesirable man? Do you think that Jesus is ever too busy for you? What did Jesus say in response to Bartimaeus' cries? What did the people say to Bartimaeus? The word *courage* is used many times throughout the Bible in the context of times of distress. Read John 16:33 as a promise to claim.

Read verse 50. What was Bartimaeus' response to Jesus' invitation? What does this say about his faith? In verse 51, what was Jesus' question to Bartimaeus? Why would Jesus ask him this when the answer was blatantly obvious? God acts when we are honest about our brokenness and our desperate need for Him. The Lord gave Bartimaeus the opportunity to demonstrate his faith. Do you have a need today? Your need provides you the opportunity to demonstrate your faith in Jesus. We must admit our need.

In verse 52, we learn of faith's triumph. Bartimaeus was no longer a beggar but a believer and follower of Christ. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17. Can you tell your redemption story?

Teaching To Obey (Matt. 28:20):

In response to God's revealed truth in your life, what action steps will you take today to obey His will? Are there:

Sins to confess? Promises to claim? Attitudes to change? Commands to obey? Examples to follow?

Our text for July 12: Mark 14: 22-26

