

# ROAD RULES

**Mark 10** records 4 events in the life of Christ that Jesus turned into teaching moments, summarizing each story with a simple statement. These statements contain essential principles for Christian living ... they are the rules of the road for anyone wanting to live in God. This series will help us learn about a life of grace, a life of faith, a life of service, and a life without limits.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read **Mark 10: 46-52**. Jot down 1 or 2 new thoughts that seem important. Why are they important?
2. Considering **Mark 10:46**, what was the name of the beggar? What was his father's name? Why is this detail important? Why do you think the Holy Spirit inspired Mark to identify this beggar so specifically?
3. All throughout this passage, what did name did Bartimaeus keep calling Jesus? What is important about this particular name? Who was he identifying Jesus to be? (*Hint: 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 7:8-16; Isaiah 11:1-5; Jeremiah 23:5-6*)
4. Re-read **Mark 10:48**. What was the crowds' response to his crying out to Jesus? What was Bartimaeus' response to their response? Think about some times you had to go against the crowd to grow closer to Jesus? Was it difficult? Why or why not?
5. Considering **Mark 10:49-52**, what did Jesus ask Bartimaeus?
  - a. Jesus' question was not designed to get information but to encourage Bartimaeus to articulate his need and express his faith. Why is this important?
  - b. Is this important for us today? Why or why not?
6. Re-read **Mark 10:52**. After everything that happened (e.g., crying out to Jesus, responding to the crowd, stating His faith & need, and being healed), what was Bartimaeus' final response to Jesus? After all He has done for you, what should be your *full* response?

## MOVING FORWARD

In **Mark 10**, Jesus accepted the humble folks, even though the disciples tried to turn them away. He accepted the man who worked for Him but was not in His personal company; He welcomed the children; He invited the blind beggar. He rejected those we might have accepted: a rich ruler with so much to offer, and all those who sought position and greatness. The great one in the kingdom is the servant. Commit today to be an active servant of God's kingdom and discuss what you can do, starting tomorrow, to serve others.

## CHANGING YOUR MIND

<sup>52</sup> **Go your way,** Jesus told him. **Your faith has healed you.** Immediately he could see and began to follow Him on the road."

**Mark 10:52**