

THE BLIND MAN



40 Days of Letting Go A JOURNEY THROUGH LENT

This year during Lent we're letting go of the things that hold us back from truly experiencing God in this world. What do you need to let go in order to have room for the aliveness that Jesus offers? Can you let go of the way you see things? What would change if you become intentional about seeing the world through new eyes ... eyes that are focused on love, grace, healing and mercy?

MARK 10:46-52

In Mark 10:35-45, two disciples ask Jesus if they can have places of honor on either side of him, in his glory. Jesus tells them that they don't understand how Jesus' kind of selfless love really works.

In today's story, a blind man named Bartimaeus is begging by the side of the road, asking Jesus for mercy and healing. Jesus tells him that his faith has made him well, and his vision is restored.

TALK ABOUT THIS ...

In the first story, the disciples think they see Jesus, but they really don't. In today's story, a faithful man is blind, yet he really does see who Jesus is. How do these stories challenge our expectations? Who can see and who can't? Do people today claim to see Jesus, when perhaps they don't? Are you like that? How do you know?



RELATIONSHIP

What is mercy? Do we want mercy?
Do we need it? Do we share it?
Is it weak or strong to ask for mercy?
Is it weak or strong to give mercy? Why?



SURPRISE

What does it mean to really see? Are we ever blind to what God is doing in the world?
Can we learn to see through God's eyes? How?



PROGRESS

Can we ever know everything about God?
Do we continually learn new things about God?
What kinds of things?

FAITH⁵ ... A BEDTIME ROUTINE FOR FAMILIES

SHARE your highs and lows from the day. READ the Bible story.
TALK about how the Bible story relates to your highs and lows.
PRAY for one another's highs and lows, and BLESS one another.

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