



Sermon Series: "Miracles"

Lesson 9

"Blind Bartimaeus Meets Jesus"

Five bits of advice from Bartimaeus...

1. _____ your position in this world
2. _____ on what you will listen to
3. _____ your faith in Christ boldly
4. _____ that which hinders you from getting to Jesus
5. _____ to follow Jesus in the way

D-Group

Discussion Questions

D-Groups are sermon-based discussion groups that meet during the week. Locations and times are determined by the facilitator. For more information on how to get involved, email Pastor Robbie Hinson (Our Life-Groups Pastor) Rhinson@epcjax.com

1. How many times is it believed Jesus went through Jericho? And how does this apply to "limited opportunities" to call on Jesus?
2. Compare the physical condition of Bartimaeus with the spiritual condition people are in before they call on Jesus.
3. Bartimaeus is faced with contradicting comments- Some are telling him to be quiet, leave Jesus alone, while others have been talking about what Jesus had accomplished, and His ability to heal. Discuss the need to choose wisely, we listen to.
4. According to Romans 10:17, how is faith increased? Discuss how this relates to our faith being increased?
5. How did the use of the phrase "Son of David" reveal Bartimaeus' recognition of Jesus as the true Messiah?
6. What did Bartimaeus do first when the people said he was being called by Jesus? How does this relate to people today coming to Christ?
7. Discuss the contrast of the men who helped their friend get to Jesus in Mark 2, and no one offering to assist this blind beggar... Why is it important that each person come to Jesus and own their faith?
8. After healing him, Jesus told Bartimaeus "Go your way" (vs. 52) but he made his way, "the Jesus way" and followed Jesus. Share thoughts about why "Commitment" to the Jesus way seems to be a problem for some today.