

### CONNECT

Have you ever asked for something and received the answer “No”, and later came to be grateful you didn’t receive what you’d wanted at the time? If so, what did you learn from that experience?

### LEARN & APPLY

#### Read Mark 10:35-45

- In verses 35-37, why do you think Jesus asked the disciples what they wanted? What did they want? What do you think they thought it meant to “sit at” Jesus’ right and left in his “glory”? Why do you think the answer was “no”?
- In Mark 10:38-40, and then again in 44-45 Jesus reveals his “glory” is not in holding power but in a different purpose. What is Jesus teaching his disciples here?
- Of the three—Peter, James, and John—that Jesus spent the most time with, one lived a short life, one lived to middle age, one lived to old age. James was the first disciple to be martyred (Acts 12:1-2), and John lived longest (John 21:22-24). What’s different between what the Lord and people consider ‘glory’? Read Mark 5:24-29

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- Bartimaeus asked Jesus for his mercy, and Jesus asked him the same question he’d asked his disciples “What do you want me to do for you?” This time, the answer is “yes”. What does verse 52 tell us about how Bartimaeus uses the gift of his healing? What do we learn from this story about Jesus, and about being a disciple of Jesus?
- How do you see Jesus’ character displayed in both Mark 5 and these verses?

### PRAY

Jesus, help me trust you with what I want, even as I trust you will provide what I truly need.