

People are Precious

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Mark 10:46-52

46 Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus, was sitting by the roadside begging. 47 When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" 48 Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" 49 Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called to the blind man, "Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you." 50 Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus. 51 "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him. The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see." 52 "Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

Jesus teaches us to ...

1. SEE EVERY PERSON AS PRECIOUS

Bartimaeus (blind, helpless beggar) called out to Jesus in faith...

(v. 47) "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

The crowd was embarrassed and tried to silence him.

(v. 49) Jesus stopped and said, "Call him."

Jesus, saw Bartimaeus as precious. He saw him with mercy and compassion.

How do we see people like him he today?

Jesus teaches us to ...

2. ASK THE QUESTION, "WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU?"

(v. 51) "What do you want me to do for you?"

Jesus heard the cry of this desperate man and had mercy on him and STOPPED to help him even though He soon faced crucifixion.

We must train our eyes to see and our ears to hear the needs of those around us.

As Christians we should be asking that question of our family, our church & our community.

"What can I do for you?"

Jesus teaches us to ...

3. RESPOND TO HIS LOVE

(v. 52) "Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you."

Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

There's that word again... "GO!"

“Go and tell.”

“Go and make disciples.”

“Go and show yourself.”

“Go and tell my brothers.”

“Go into all the world and preach the good news.”

Following the example of Jesus means that we don't focus on what we can get; but rather on what we can give.

Go and “Feed His Sheep” because “People are Precious”.