



Fall Quarter 2021 Theme:
Celebrating God
Unit I. God's People Offer Praise

Lesson Titles:
Celebrating Expectantly
(Faith Pathway Bible Studies)
Glorifying God
(Townsend Press Sunday School
Commentary)

LESSON 3—September 19, 2021

Devotional Reading: James 5:13-18

Background Scripture: Mark 10:46-52; Luke 18:35-43

Print Passage: Mark 10:46-52

Key Verse(s):

Jesus answered and said unto him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight. (Mark 10:51, KJV)

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“What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus asked him. The blind man said, “Rabbi, I want to see.” (Mark 10:51, NIV)

► Questions to Consider:

1. What did Bartimaeus do when he heard Jesus was passing by?
2. Why was Bartimaeus so desperate to get to Jesus?
3. What was Jesus' question and response to Bartimaeus?

► Lesson Aims

As a result of experiencing this lesson, you should be able to do these things:

- Compare and contrast spiritual and physical blindness.
- Appreciate how God is attentive and responds to our needs.
- Practice reaching out to those who are marginalized by society.

► Lesson in Context:

- The prominent character in this week's lesson is the person of Bartimaeus, a blind beggar who lived in Jericho.
- Bartimaeus was healed by Jesus as He passed through Jericho on the way to Jerusalem.

► Lesson Key Points:

I. A Sound and a Shout (Mark 10:46-48)

- Key Point 1: As Jesus and His disciples, along with a crowd of followers, were traveling to Jerusalem, Jesus was stopped by a roadside beggar named Bartimaeus.
- Key Point 2: Bartimaeus did not let the crowd deter him from seeking Jesus.

II. A Word and a Wonder (Mark 10:49-52)

- Key Point 1: Jesus hears the cries of Bartimaeus and stops to minister to his needs.
- Key Point 2: Bartimaeus believed that Jesus could heal him.

► **Lesson Summary:**

- We must remain confident, knowing that God can do **anything**. He can heal both spiritual and physical deficiencies.
- We need to learn to call on the Lord with the same **faith** as Bartimaeus—believing that there is nothing too hard for God.
- Just as Jesus responded to the cries and needs of Bartimaeus, as Christians, we should be responsive to the cries for help from those around us and respond.

What Do You Think? (These questions are found in this week's Faith Pathway student book.)

1. How can the church maintain a worship atmosphere that does not hinder people from worshipping God freely?

2. How can we display our faith to the world?

As a result of this lesson, I/my students will do the following:
