

Sermon Handout
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Jesus Messiah
Week 10: He Opens Our Eyes
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1. Need for Jesus:

We all experience spiritual blindness and need Jesus to open our eyes to truly see Him.

2. Bartimaeus' Faith:

Bartimaeus recognized Jesus as the "Son of David" and cried out for mercy despite the crowd's rebuke, showing that faith often requires persistence.

3. Jesus' Call:

Jesus personally calls Bartimaeus, demonstrating that no one is too insignificant for Him. We must come to Him with our deepest needs.

4. Desire for Healing:

Bartimaeus' request to "see" reflects the desire of every disciple to truly know Jesus. It emphasizes the need to leave behind anything that hinders us from following Him.

5. Following the Way:

After his healing, Bartimaeus immediately follows Jesus along the road, illustrating the transformation that comes when we truly see Jesus.

6. Spiritual Blindness:

The Parable of the Sower reveals the various ways we can respond to God's Word and the importance of being good soil that bears fruit.

Bottom Line: Jesus opens our eyes so we can follow Him with our lives.

Family Discussion Questions:

1. What does spiritual blindness look like in your life?
2. How can we seek Jesus more earnestly in our daily routines?
3. In what ways can we pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus this week?
4. How can we encourage one another to bear fruit in our lives for God's Kingdom?

Scripture References: Isaiah 32:1-8; Mark 4:1-20; Mark 10:46-52; Ephesians 1:18-21

