

DISCUSSION GUIDE

"KINGDOM VISION"

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TEXT(S): Mark 10:46-52, with Heb. 12:1,

And John 20:25

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE: This resource is designed to help you, or your group, step through a progression of engagement with the Bible passage(s) and the speaker's message. Our goal is to help you better understand and apply B4's teaching.

MESSAGE SUMMARY + DISCUSSION PROMPTS

Blindness and sight are key biblical themes that run through the Old Testament Narratives, and the great writing prophets, like Isaiah, to eventually find their culmination in the Gospels. Through today's message, we'll look at the deeper meaning of a miracle recorded in Mark 10, a physical healing that restores a man's sight. Even while doing so, Jesus was highlighting the blindness of those who continued to reject Him as Messiah. Pastor Randy teases out the implications for us, 2000 years after Blind Bartimaeus received his sight and immediately followed Jesus, the one who healed him.

LEAN IN: These are icebreakers and warm-ups, mostly to get the group talking and start the flow of conversation. Choose one and talk it over for 5-10 minutes.

- 1. What's something you once thought you understood clearly, but later realized you were way off?
- 2. When was the last time you needed someone else to point out something that was right in front of you? Maybe it was a lost item, or something you misunderstood. What was it? What happened?
- 3. Can you think of a time when your first impression of a person turned out to be wrong? What changed your perspective?
- 4. What's an example of something in life that you can "see," but it still takes time to truly understand?
- 5. Describe something from a recent church service where you felt God showing you something you hadn't yet seen.

LOOK DOWN: These are questions about the Bible passage(s) from the message. Spend about 15-20 minutes discussing your choice of two or three questions:

- 1. Where does this story take place, and who is present?
- 2. How is Bartimaeus described in verse 46, and what does he do when he hears that Jesus comes near?
- 3. What question does Jesus ask Bartimaeus, and how does Bartimaeus answer?
- 4. What does Bartimaeus's answer show about both his physical and spiritual awareness?
- 5. What happens after Jesus tells Bartimaeus his faith has healed him?

LOOK OUT: These questions help connect the world of the Bible to today. Spend about 15-20 minutes discussing your choice of two or three questions:

- 1. Bartimaeus had to speak up for himself. Where in life do you think people today feel they're not being heard?
- 2. How do most people react when they have to push past other people's opinions? to do what they knew was right?
- 3. If Jesus asked the average person in your culture today, "What do you want me to do for you?"
 what's the honest, gut-level answer you think most people would give him?
- 4. How do you think our culture defines "seeing clearly," and how is that different from how Jesus defines it?
- 5. What's an example of "blind spots" people tend to have in relationships, work, or community life?

LOOK IN: These questions help you consider how to engage the teaching for yourself. Spend about 15-20 minutes discussing your choice of two or three questions:

- 1. How do you tend to respond when people discourage or criticize your faith?
- 2. If Jesus asked you, "What do you want me to do for you?"—how would you answer today, and why?
- 3. Bartimaeus threw aside his cloak to get to Jesus. What's something in your life you might need to lay down to follow Him more freely?
- 4. How do you balance faith in what you can't see with practical steps in the everyday world?
- 5. Bartimaeus immediately followed Jesus after receiving sight. What would "following" look like for you this week given your current circumstances?

LIVE IT OUT: These practical action steps help you apply this message to day-to-day life. Choose one prompt and talk it over for 5-10 minutes:

- 1. What's one step you can take this week to ask Jesus for clarity in an area where you feel stuck? Maybe it's a prayer retreat for an hour or a day. Or maybe it's listening and journaling while reading your Bible. Do that thing and take the next step God indicates.
- 2. Who could you encourage this week who might feel like the crowd is telling them to be quiet? Reach out to that person and build them up.

