

Discussion and Reflection Questions

Sunday 24th of October 2021

Read: Mark 10:46-52

⁴⁶ They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷ When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' ⁴⁸ Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' ⁴⁹ Jesus stood still and said, 'Call him here.' And they called the blind man, saying to him, 'Take heart; get up, he is calling you.' ⁵⁰ So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹ Then Jesus said to him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' The blind man said to him, 'My teacher, let me see again.' ⁵² Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has made you well.' Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Discussion and reflection Questions

1. What titles have you been given in your life and how has it impacted on your senses of place identity and status
2. When has been a time when you felt compelled to speak up when others have wanted you to stay silent? When have you remained silent (for better and/or worse)?
3. How would you answer the question if Jesus asked you: 'What do you want me to do for you?'
4. How does God show mercy?
5. What have you been blind to that a relationship with Jesus has helped you to see more clearly?

Prayer

O God, you give light to the blind and comfort to the sorrowing, and in your Son you have given us a High Priest who has offered the true sacrifice for us and yet can sympathise with us in our weakness: hear the cry of your people and lead us home, where with your Son and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.