

Believing is Seeing

Jesus courageously _____

- His followers are _____
- He is _____

Jesus graciously _____

- Greatness is not a position that is _____
- Greatness is a status that is _____

Jesus mercifully _____

- Call to Him with _____ and

- Follow Him with _____ and

Personal observations from the message.

1. How would you summarize what you learned in a sentence or two?
2. What point or verse did you find most helpful? Why?
3. What is a question you have?

Discussion questions from the message.

1. We often hear, "Seeing is believing." But, there are a lot of things we believe without seeing. What are some examples of everyday things we believe "by faith"?
2. Read Mark 10:32-34. What does this passage add to the other two statements Jesus has made about his death in Mark 8:31 and 9:30-31? What does the clarity that Jesus has about the events and his willingness to head to Jerusalem teach us? What does the fact that Mark puts these three statements in a section that begins and ends with Jesus healing the blind teach us?
3. Read Mark 10:35-41. What does the transition between verses 34-35 teach us about the disciples understanding of Jesus' words and about their focus? What bold request do the brothers make in verse 35? How does their nickname (Mark 3:17) help us understand their boldness? What do they want – what's the significance of sitting at Jesus' right and left? Why do you suppose the other disciples were indignant? How would you have responded? Why?
4. Read Mark 10:42-45. How do those in the world often misuse the authority they are given? What are some examples of this from today? How have you been impacted by the misuse of power by authorities (employers, teachers, law enforcement . . .)? What does Jesus say is the mark of greatness? Why is this so counter-cultural? How would you respond to someone who says, "If I become a servant of others, they will talk all over me and take advantage of me?" What did Jesus NOT come for? How did Jesus serve us in addition to giving his life for us? How should the surrender of Jesus' life impact our response to Him and the way we treat others? What are some practical ways you can serve others (or ways you are serving others)?
5. Read Mark 10:46-52. What question does Jesus ask Bartimaeus? How is the question similar to what He asked James and John in 10:36? What is different about his response? Why do you suppose they are so different? What does this teach us? What did Jesus say made Bartimaeus well? How does this turn the phrase "seeing is believing around"? How is this connected to the gospel? What happens when we believe? What do we begin to see? What do you see?