

POTOMAC HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Personal and Group Study Guide for May 31, 2020

The 33rd Sermon in a series on The Gospel of Mark, “The King and His Cross”

“The Blind Man Sees”

INTRODUCTION: “*Miracles of Mercy*”

**** Key Questions**

1. Have any of you read the book Peace Like a River by Leif Enger? What did you think?
2. How is the exercise of Christian mercy a miracle of sorts? **

BACKGROUND: *The Biblical Context*

3. How do the previous stories in Mark 10 relate to this story? **

Read Mark 10:46-47: A KEY OPPORTUNITY

4. Describe the life of a blind beggar in first century Israel?
5. Why would Bartimaeus be interested in meeting Jesus? **
(read Isaiah 42:6-7, Luke 4:18-19, and Matthew 11:4-6)

Read Mark 10:47-48: A KEY REQUEST

6. What’s worse than knowing you’re blind? **
7. Bartimaeus cries out to Jesus, “*Son of David, have mercy on me!*”
What’s the significance of that title?

Read Mark 10:49-51: A KEY QUESTION

8. Jesus asks the same question in Mark 10:36 as He asks in verse 51. How does Bartimaeus answer differently from the disciples? And why is that important? **

Read Mark 10:52: A KEY RESPONSE

9. What is the first thing Bartimaeus sees? **
10. Why do you think Bartimaeus chooses to follow Jesus? Who in Mark 10 chose not to follow Jesus?
Why is that significant? **

CONCLUSION: *The Great Reversal!*

11. What is the great reversal? If possible, give an example from your own life. **

Close with prayer. Pray for the successful timing and logistics for the PHPC Plan to Resume Worship.