

A Worship Discussion Guide for Individuals, Groups & Families for the week of September 21, 2025

Read the Bible passage aloud in your group meeting. This is a worship discussion guide, and our reflections and applications are grounded in Scripture. You do not need to work through the whole guide. Decide which points would be most helpful for your meeting, and use them as a starting point for your time together.

Mark 10:35-40; 46-52

What Do You Want Me To Do For You?

 Share about a rivalry you've had over the course of your life. What motivated you in that competition?

³⁵ And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." ³⁶ And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" ³⁷ And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸ Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" ³⁹ And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, ⁴⁰ but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."...

- What did James and John want? (35-37)
- How did Jesus answer their request? (38-40)
- What does Jesus mean what He speaks of His "cup", "baptism", and "glory"? (37-38)
- What indicates that James and John do not really understand Jesus and His mission? (39)
- When do you find yourself wanting glory?
- How is Christ-like greatness different than the what the world views greatness?
- Even though the disciples do not know what they are asking, they will follow Jesus in His sufferings. So will all believers. Can you share a way you have shared in the sufferings of Christ?

- ⁴⁶ And they came to Jericho. And as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside. 47 And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" 48 And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" 49 And Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart. Get up; he is calling you." 50 And throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. 51 And Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" And the blind man said to him, "Rabbi, let me recover my sight." 52 And Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way.
- What name does Bartimaeus use to address Jesus?
 What does this tell us about what Bartimaeus understood about Jesus? (47-48)
- How did the crowd react to Bartimaeus? Why? How did Jesus respond?
- If Jesus asked you, "What do you want me to do for you?", how would you respond?
- None of us trusts and follows Jesus until we feel our need of His eye-opening grace in pour lives. What is the Holy Spirt using in your life to open your eyes to the mercy and grace of Jesus?
- Pray together in light of this week's passage.

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