

# Follow the King

THE GOSPEL OF MARK

## Sermon Questions

Date: *February 5, 2023* | Scripture: *Mark 10:46-52*

1. Read the passage from the sermon together. What do you find convicting? What do you find challenging? What do you find confusing?
2. If someone were to ask you what an ideal follower of Jesus looked like, what would you say? Who would you describe? Who would you point to in your church or your community?
3. How does this passage and sermon stretch or challenge your notion of the “ideal follower of Jesus”? Compare this story with our previous week’s passage (Mark 10:17-31).
4. What was significant about Bartimaeus tossing aside his cloak?
5. What does it matter that Mark includes the name of Bartimaeus and his father?
6. What do we learn about Jesus in this passage? What new information does Mark introduce? What sticks out to you here?

### *Inward Grace in Action*

As followers of Jesus, we are not only recipients of God’s mercy. We are also called to be vessels of God’s mercy. All too often we are tempted to be like the crowd. We want to hush those crying out in need—it is easier to ignore the needy when they are quiet. Consider the way we might be Jesus to those around us:

- What might it look like to make room in your life (and budget) to care for suffering, hurting people—even those who have brought it upon themselves?
- Who are those people in your community? Who are the people you are inclined to dismiss, ignore, or rebuke?

**ACTION:** Pray that God might open your eyes to those in need around you. Think of a practical way you might meet someone’s need. If you’re struggling to think of something, consider buying a meal for a homeless person, learning their name, and praying for them. This might be uncomfortable for you, but in many ways this is the most direct parallel between our lives and the passage.

### WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Here are some other ways you can meet with God throughout the week:

*Reflect* on these Scriptures:

- Genesis 16:1-16
- Psalm 146
- Jeremiah 29:1-14
- John 9:1-41
- Titus 3:1-11
- James 2:1-13

*Serve:* there are lots of opportunities to serve in our church family. [Click Here](#) to serve as a volunteer.

*Pray* for the various campus ministries which aim to bring the gospel to college students in our area. Pray especially for Andrew and Karlayne Powars who work with Cru as they work to build deep community at GMU, Marymount, and AU.

*Reach out* if you need assistance:

- Call our church office at 703.821.0800
- Request aid from our Deacons’ Fund at [deaconsfund@mcleanpres.org](mailto:deaconsfund@mcleanpres.org)