

Mark 10:32-52

Discussion Questions

Read Mark 10:35-52

- 1) What evidence is there that James and John have failed to understand what Jesus has been teaching about the true nature of discipleship. (see especially vv. 37, 39 cf. 8:34, 9:35, 10:15)
- 2) Compare the way that James and John pray (37) with the way the blind man prays (47). What do these prayers reveal about their attitude toward:
 - a. Themselves
 - b. Jesus
- 3) How does the blind man's situation reflect our true spiritual position before God?
 - a. How should knowing this about ourselves impact the way we relate to God and to other people? (cf. Titus 3:1-7)
- 4) Think about your own prayers.
 - a. Do they sometimes reflect the same self-interest as James and John's?
 - b. What is a better way to pray in light of Jesus' teaching in Mark 8-10?

Prayer ideas:

The blind man 'threw off his cloak' (50) – something integral to his old life that demonstrated he was making a clean break to follow Jesus.

- As you feel able, share any attitudes or behaviors you need God to help you 'throw off' as you see to follow Christ.
- Pray for one another in light of what was shared.