

November 21, 2021

Sermon Questions for Small Groups at SCC

Mark 10:46-52

This week there are a mix of questions, some that refer to our current situation in the Fraser Valley and others that refer more specifically to the story about Bartimaeus found in Mark 10.

1. How has the recent flooding impacted you, your loved ones, or those you know? In the passage, we learned that Jesus heard Bartimaeus' cry for help despite noise of the crowd. Spend time together praying for those in need and who may be calling out for mercy.
2. Andrew referred to those who were making efforts to either rescue folks, repair infrastructure, or help evacuees and other vulnerable people find food and shelter. How have you seen the community come together in this time? Where have you seen signs of God's presence in the midst of a difficult time? Pray for the helpers.
3. In the coming days and weeks, more help will be needed. How might your group join the efforts to help those in need through work, care, and prayer? Pray that God would guide your group to work together to meet needs as they come about over this next season.
4. In the story, Bartimaeus threw aside his cloak which was his security, his warmth, and his source of income as he came to follow Jesus. A couple of weeks ago we ran into the rich, righteous guy who left Jesus sad because he was told to give away what he had. How would you contrast these two characters? What does this teach you about following Jesus and the call of discipleship?
5. Bartimaeus is not only a character foil for the rich, righteous guy, but also for James and John who are asked a similar question by Jesus. James and John want power, but Bartimaeus wants to see. Why do you think Bartimaeus understands the kingdom better than James and John at this point? What do these two stories, held up side by side, teach us about the kingdom of God and the call of discipleship?