

WONDERS

Title: **THE FAITH THAT SEES**

Date: **July 21, 2024**

Leader's Tips:

- S** - Sensitivity with others. No one should feel left out.
- P** - Participation is encouraged during discussion.
- A** - Acknowledge guests. Make them feel welcome.
- C** - Confidentiality is key. What is shared stays in the group.
- E** - Encourage the group to pray for one another.

WORSHIP: (15 mins)

Venue Option 1: Home gatherings

Sing one or two songs or play a song from You Tube.

Venue Option 2: Public place (school, café, park, etc.) or **Via Online**, ask, "What is your "high" or "your "low" this past we.

WELCOME:(15 mins): Welcome everyone in the group.
Ice-breaker:

"There are three blind men who were healed by Jesus. One man said, "He touched my eyes and I could see." The second man said, "He put mud on my eyes and I could see." The third man said, "He spit in my eyes and I could see." That day saw the birth of three denominations, the touch-ites, the mud-ites, and the spit-ites." ...lol...

Memory Verse: Mark 10:52

WORD (30–45 mins) - Text: Mark 10:46-52 NIV

In our recent study of the names of God, we discovered that God is El Roi, the Lord who Sees. He perceives our circumstances and the wonderful future He has planned for us, guiding us toward its realization. Now, we will discuss faith in the Lord that sees, who sees that path towards a miracle as exemplified by blind Bartimaeus:

1. He saw who the source of the miracle would be-Read v.47

Bartimaeus, despite being blind, recognized Jesus with the eyes of faith. Genuine faith or trust in God perceives spiritually rather than through physical sight.

Moses abandoned everything in Egypt because he saw the invisible God and understood the rewards of trusting in Him.

Read Hebrews 11:24-27 NIV

Q: Would you describe Bartimaeus' character based on the passage?

Q: Has there been a time when you feel like you were in the same desperate situation as Bartimaeus?

Q: When was the last time you cried out to God for help?

2. He saw past the obstacles and would not be denied – Read v.48

Faith overlooks obstacles, focusing instead on the greatness of God and the anticipation of the miracles He provides. Bartimaeus determined in his heart to receive his miracle no matter what the cost. He didn't allow the discouragement of others around him.

"Bartimaeus is a picture of the one in such need that he finds a way to Jesus, even though all the disciples of Jesus try to block the way." R. Alan Cole, Mark: An Introduction and Commentary.

Q: If you were Bartimaeus, would you do the same?

Q: When something surprising happens and your faith is being tried, what are the three practical things that you do right away?

Q: What do you do when it seems like your prayers are being hindered and you feel God doesn't see your situation?

3. He received the miracle of sight and saw the path of discipleship – Read v.52

Jesus rewarded Bartimaeus' bold faith in Him with the specific miracle he asked for. Afterwards, he saw the path to follow Jesus and chose to follow the Lord.

Q: What do you think is the best quality of Bartimaeus that is inspiring for you?

Q: What do you think hinders you sometimes from pressing on in prayer?

Conclusion:

Like Bartimaeus, we are in need of God's mercy to receive the miracles we desperately seek. Jesus died on the cross to grant us these miracles, from salvation to healing and deliverance. We need to have the faith to see the path that leads us to follow Jesus and embrace His miracles and calling for our lives. He wants to open our spiritual eyes so we can truly see Him, experience His wonders, and follow Him wholeheartedly. Let us pray for us to receive the spiritual eyes of faith and enjoy Jesus every step of the way.

Q: What is your take-away from the discussion? Partner with someone in prayer.

WORK: The Challenge (15 mins.)

P- Pray for one another. Ask "**what can I pray for you?**" (7mins.)

R- Remind to invite a friend on the next gathering.

A- Apply the message during the week.

Y- Yearn to share your faith with some one during the week.