

## A Study in the Gospel of Mark 8-16

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### Learning to See, Mark 10:35-52

**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.” **41** And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. **42** And Jesus called them to him and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. **43** But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant,<sup>[a]</sup> **44** and whoever would be first among you must be slave<sup>[b]</sup> of all. **45** For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

### Jesus Heals Blind Bartimaeus

**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.

- a. Mark 10:43 Greek *diakonos*
- b. Mark 10:44 Or *bondservant*, or *servant*

1. **Can anyone see?**
2. **A request (Mark 10:35-40)**
  - A. **What are you asking?**
  - B. **Christ's glory is in the Cross**
  - C. **It is hard to take in what the Cross means in its fullness**
3. **Jealousy (Mark 10:41-45)**
  - A. **We become indignant over the wrong things**
  - B. **The desire to be significant is not bad**
  - C. **Greatness/significance comes through focusing on others**
4. **To see is to follow (Mark 10:46-52)**
  - A. **Don't let go of grace**
  - B. **Take heart, He hears you**
  - C. **A request for significance is granted**