



Can You See Him? Week 4

- What are some of the trials or hurts you are currently dealing with in your life? Share with your group how they can support and pray for you.

Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city a blind man, Bartimaeus (that is, the Son of Timaeus), was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

Mark 10:46-47 (NIV)

- When is it easiest for you to take time out of your schedule to focus on your relationship with Christ? Why do we often turn to Christ only during the bad times?
- What do you think motivated Bartimaeus to try and get Jesus attention? What motivates you to call out to Jesus?

Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

Mark 10:48 (NIV)

- Sometimes when we endure difficulties we tend to listen to the opinion of others rather than listening to God. Describe a time when missed an opportunity for God to work in your life because you were discouraged by others opinions? How did the situation ultimately turn out?

Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called to the blind man, "Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you." Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus. "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him. The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see."

Mark 10:49-51 (NIV)

- Bartimaeus demonstrated incredible persistence in calling out to Jesus to meet his physical need. What role do you think persistence plays in prayer?
- What does this passage of Scripture tell you about Jesus' attitude towards hurting people?

"Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

Mark 10:52 (NIV)

- What connection have you seen in your own life between your faith in God and your understanding of God's answers to your prayers?

Final thought: Pray that God will bring comfort and healing in the lives of everyone in your group. As a group encourage each other to call out to Jesus in the good times and in the bad.



Can You See Him? Week 4

For Further Study

To use this resource, simply select one or two questions from each category below that you think will help your group discussion. Alternatively, you can use these questions and Scriptures in your own personal devotions during the week.

Open

- Why do people sometimes blame God for difficult circumstances?

Explore

Read 2 Corinthians 1:1-11

- What does God do when we are troubled? (1:4)
- How does God involve Himself in our troubles? (1:4-5)
- What did Paul's distress produce for the Corinthians? (1:6)
- In what way is patient endurance produced in Christians? (1:6)
- Why did Paul tell the Corinthians about the hardships he had endured? (1:8)
- Why did Paul despair? (1:8)
- How did Paul's confidence in God enable him to rise above his despair? (1:8-10)
- For what reason did Paul endure suffering? (1:9)
- How did the Corinthians help Paul through his hardships? (1:11)

Reflect

- How does God want us to help one another in difficult circumstances?
- How can you help other Christians who are suffering?
- How have other Christians helped you through difficult circumstances?
- How can you rely more on God instead of yourself in times of hardship?
- What can we do to learn patience and endurance from our hardships?

Apply

- What are some specific things you can do this week to show love and concern for someone you know who is suffering? Commit to your group that you will help someone this week who is suffering.

Here are some suggestions you may want to use for your time with God this week:

Day 1: Read Mark 10:46-47. Spend time calling out to Jesus in prayer and opening your heart to Him. Pray honestly and openly.

Day 2: Read Mark 10:48. Pray for those that tend to force their opinions on you and sway you away from God's will. Pray for those who persecute you for your faith.

Day 3: Read Mark 10:49-51. Lift up your burdens to God in prayer. Ask Him to help you through any difficulties you may be experiencing.

Day 4: Read Mark 10:52. Commit to God that you will spend time talking and listening to Him in both good and bad times.

Day 5: Read 2 Corinthians 1:1-11. Pray for those you know who are currently enduring difficult times. Pray that God will comfort them during this time.