

A True Disciple

Mark 10:46-52

Introduction - why is this story here?

To rekindle your passion for being Jesus' disciple, you need to:

1. recognize who Jesus really is,
2. be aware of your need,
3. cry out desperately to him, and
4. leave everything else behind to get to him.

- If someone were watching and listening to you this past month, what would they have seen or heard from you that told them that Jesus is both the Messiah and personal to you (i.e. your Messiah)?
- How have you needed Jesus over the years to restore your full humanity to you in how you think, feel and act? What areas are still in process?
- Can you recall the last time you felt so desperate for Jesus' help that you just didn't care who else knew about your need? Has there been a time recently when you wouldn't let anything or anybody get in the way of you getting to him for his help?
- Bartimaeus's whole identity changed so that he was no longer defined by his past, by his need or by his struggles, but by his relationship with Jesus. In what ways is Jesus the defining center of your identity? Are there things that you're still tempted to rely on more than him to define you?