**Text**: Mark 10:46-52

**Topic**: Soteriology/Discipleship

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**Insightful Blind Man**

“What true discipleship requires.”

**Text**: **Mark 10:46-52**, “**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.” **English Standard Version**

*True discipleship requires you to*…

**Point #1**: **Know** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **vv.46-47**

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**Point #2**: **Persist** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **vv.48-50**

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**Point #3**: **Wholeheartedly** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **vv.51-50**

**Corollary Verses**: Mark 13:5-6; Luke 5:31, Matthew 16:17; John 9:1-2; Mark 7:24-30; Mark 5:35-43; Numbers 13:17; Matthew 20:34; and Luke 9:62.

**Application Questions**

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today’s sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to the questions listed below will assist you in gaining a better understanding of the point of this passage. Please be prepared to discuss your answers with your Home Fellowship Groups.

1.) Read **Mark 10:46-52**; **Matthew 20:29-33**; and **Luke 18:35-43** then answer the following questions. Write down the similarities and the differences between these three synoptic accounts. Are these contradictions? Do the differences affect the main story? How would you explain the differences to someone who uses these verses to claim that the bible is filled with contradictions?

2.) Read **Mark 13:5-6**; **Luke 21:8**; and **Matthew 24:24-28** then answer the following questions. Who gives the warning? Why is it absolutely essential for you and every genuine believer to heed this warning? How good are these false Christ’s in deceiving people? What examples of false Christ’s do we have today (be specific)? Do you now understand why it is so important to Know who Christ truly is?

3.) Read **Ezra 5:1-17** and **6:1-12** then answer the following questions. Zerubbabel and Jeshua were encouraged by the prophets to rebuild the temple in Jerusalem. How did the surrounding peoples respond to the temple being rebuilt? Did fear and discouragement stop them from building? How did God use the pagan kings Cyrus and Darius to encourage God’s people to continue God’s work? How does this story of perseverance in the midst of discouragement relate to blind Bartimaeus’ story?

4.) Read **Luke 9:62**, **14:25-34**; and **Matthew 8:18-21** then answer the following questions. In what way did Bartimaeus demonstrate the qualities necessary for a disciple? According to these passages, what does it cost to follow Jesus? Why is it important to count the cost of following Jesus?