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Mark 10:46-52

Have Mercy: God's Solution to My Biggest Problem

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We all need mercy. God has moved mightily through Christ, but if we do not know the forgiveness or grace that Jesus offers us, we will miss the mercy of God. In this message, we understand the mercy of God more fully and how to apply it to everyday living.

THIS WEEK:

- Pray for God to show me his mercy in at least 3 specific ways.
- Write down a list of preconceived notions that may be getting in my way of accepting the mercy of Christ.
- Find a Bible verse on "mercy" and pray through it alone or with a friend.
- Finish this sentence at least 5 different ways: Because of God's Mercy I can...

DISCUSSION

READ MARK 10:46-52

- Read Mark 10:46–52. The crowd tells Bartimaeus to be quiet and not bother Jesus. However, Jesus hears him and calls out to him.
 - a. What are some of the things that cause us to believe that we are just an inconvenience to God?
 - b. What do we learn here about Jesus' heart and person?
 - c. Why is it so important for us to believe that Jesus cares?
- Bartimeaus might have been labeled based on his name as a person who was 2nd class. Why is it better to care more about what God thinks than what others think?
 - a. What helps us break free from being people pleasers?
- Sometimes we feel like we don't deserve mercy –which in a lot of ways is true–however, what prompts us to believe that there is mercy for everyone of us? What has helped fuel your confidence and faith?
- Read Psalm 86:15. How does God show this? What have you observed and discovered based on your experience with God?