

Episcopal Youth Connection, 10/24/2021

Mark 10:46-52

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside.

When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.



Lesson Video:

Never Be Ashamed/Mark 10:46-52,
https://youtu.be/XgfSKOr_Ad0

Questions:

1. Why do you think Bartimaeus believed in Jesus?
2. What did Bartimaeus have to lose in believing in Jesus?
3. What can we learn from Bartimaeus calling Jesus the son of David?
4. Why do you think everyone told him to be quiet when he called out to Jesus?
5. What would you have done if you had been in the crowd?
6. What would you have done if you were Bartimaeus?

Activities: Don't Touch My Horse!

Serious round: Players must make eye contact with someone else, stand confidently, and say a statement with assertiveness. Some serious statements I use are: "Stay away from me", "Get out of my way", "Leave her alone", "Don't ever speak to me like that again". Go around the circle, and allow the other players to give input.

Silly round: The point is to maintain the tone and assertiveness, but to use funny words that make other players laugh and get them 'out'. Typically, the phrases stay the same, but you replace one of the words for a funny/random word to make a ridiculous statement. "Leave my moustache alone", "Don't touch my jube jubes", "Stay away from my horse!" Last one to laugh, wins!

