



JESUS IS __ . Part 5

Sermon Small Group Questions
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USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures referenced in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to facilitate a discussion.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together.

While the questions are important, remember your small group's goal is not to pound through the questions but to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships, so knock yourself out with the discussion questions but spend more time laughing than answering the questions.

[Mark 10:46-52 NIV]

Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (which means "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!" Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" 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." "Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

1. Faith recognizes the window.

[2 Corinthians 6:2 NIV]

For he says, "In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you." I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation.

Time = Kairos: a favorable moment, a divine window of time.

2. Faith lifts our conversation above the crowd

[Mark 10:47, 48 NIV]

*When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"... **and Jesus stopped!***

3. Faith calls on the Name of The Lord

[Genesis 16:13 NIV]

*She gave this name to the Lord who spoke to her: "**You are the God who sees me,**" for she said, "I have now seen the One who sees me."*

[1 Samuel 17:45 NIV]

*... I come against you in **the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.***

[1 Kings 18:24 NIV]

*Then you call on the name of your god, and I will call on **the name of the Lord. The God who answers by fire.***

[Daniel 5:23]

*And you have lifted yourself up against **the Lord of heaven; the God who holds your breath in His hand** and owns all your ways,*

[Romans 4:17]

*...**the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.***

4. Faith throws off the old coat.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What does your faith "look" like? how would your spouse describe your faith? how about your co-workers?

2. How can you let your faith be seen?

- 3. Have you had a Kairos window moment? Share when there was a favorable window of opportunity that God presented to you.**
- 4. Have you allowed the crowd to distract your faith from what God wants to do for you? What are the challenges we face in these situations?**
- 5. When was the last time you had a "loud" quiet time? Where do you go when you want to get loud with God?**
- 6. Which name of The Lord has been your stronghold lately? Which name of The Lord are you declaring over your life?**
- 7. What is the old coat you are ready to lay down and never return to again?**
- 8. Close with a prayer that would resemble an interruption, the kind of prayer that came from the blind beggar.**