

Warmup

What person has had a significant impact on your life?
Name someone other than God, Jesus or Biblical writers.

Intro

The Ripple Effect can be observed when a stone or a droplet of water is dropped into a still pool of water. Long after the stone or droplet is no longer visible, we can see its effect on the surface in the expanding ripples. This same ripple effect can be seen when someone touches their finger to the water's surface. In this study series we will be looking at how God's touch can ripple through our lives and how He uses us to touch others causing His life and love to ripple on through them and through various aspects of life here on earth.

Discussion - Read Mark 10:46-52**Bartimaeus**

1. As Jesus set out from Jericho to Jerusalem who was with Him?
 - a. Read vv32-34. What reason did Jesus give His disciples for going to Jerusalem?
 - b. What were His followers feeling? (v32)
2. What facts do we learn about Bartimaeus in v46? Who is he? What is his condition. What is he doing before Jesus arrives? Where is he as Jesus approaches?
3. What is Bartimaeus' response when he learns that Jesus is coming?
 - a. How does he address Jesus? What does it mean to call Jesus "Son of David?"
"Son of David" is a phrase that would identify the Messiah.
 - b. What does Bartimaeus ask for?

The Crowd

4. Read 11:1-10 What is the crowd's perspective of who Jesus is and why He is coming to Jerusalem.
5. How does the crowd respond to Bartimaeus? How does the crowd's perspective on Jesus shed light on their response to Bartimaeus? What effect does the crowd have on Bartimaeus?

Jesus and Bartimaeus

6. Why is Bartimaeus is so tenacious in trying to get Jesus' attention? (clue in v52.)
7. What is Jesus' response to the shouts of Bartimaeus?
How does the crowd change toward Bartimaeus once Jesus responds?
8. What does Jesus ask Bartimaeus?
He asked His disciples the same question before they had reached Jericho 10:35-37.
Discuss the differences between the request of the disciples and that of Bartimaeus.
9. What does Jesus say to Bartimaeus in response to his request for sight?
10. Once he is able to see, does Bartimaeus "go his way? Where does he go?

Hitting the Road

11. How are we like Bartimaeus?
12. Once we are given our sight (and new spiritual life) how can we be like Bartimaeus and "follow Jesus on the road?"
13. What will you begin or continue to do this week to follow Jesus as His disciple?