

sermon notes

EXCHANGE

Part 2: Exchange Your Clothes

As He went out of Jericho with His disciples and a great multitude, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the road begging. 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!” Then many warned him to be quiet; but he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be called. Then they called the blind man, saying to him, “Be of good cheer. Rise, He is calling you.” And throwing aside his garment, he rose and came to Jesus. So Jesus answered and said to him, “What do you want Me to do for you?” The blind man said to Him, “Rabboni, that I may receive my sight.” Then Jesus said to him, “Go your way; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus on the road.”

Mark 10:46-52 NKJV

EXCHANGE YOUR BEGGAR’S GARMENT

Today I want you to consider how you view prayer and how you ask God for things in your life. I believe many of us can relate to Bartimaeus and need to cast off a Begging mentality when it comes to prayer. Let’s look at the steps Bart took:

1. **Believe *Jesus is who He says He is***
2. **Persist in knowing who Jesus is, *even when circumstances are telling us otherwise***
3. **Approach Jesus *relationally***
4. **Be prepared to answer Jesus’ question “*what do you want me to do for you*”?**
5. **Follow Jesus down the road and *leave your garment behind***

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Is there an area of your life that feels like how Bartimaeus would’ve felt, stuck and helplessly begging on the side of the road?
- If you’ve overcome a struggle with believing Jesus is who He says He is in some area of your life, share it with the group.
- Bartimaeus had a begging mentality he needed to cast off. Do you have a mentality or wrong way of thinking you may need to be rid of that will free you to answer “what do you want me to do for you”?

