



# A FAITH THAT SHOUTS LOUDER

Mark 10:46-52  
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As we individually and collectively adjust to a new reality of life during the COVID-19 crisis, an important question we can begin to ask ourselves is, "How is God at work during this time?" **What is God doing in our hearts, church, community, and nation through this crisis?** When we ask this question, we turn our eyes from only an earthly perspective to an eternal perspective. We begin to see things as God sees them. As we ask this question, we can start to respond and join in the work of God in our world.

**1) We know that God works all things for the good of those who love Him (Romans 8:28). What do you think God hopes to do in our lives and in the world through this crisis?**

**2) What does it look like for us to join in with Him for the spreading of His Gospel and Kingdom?**

In Mark 10:46-52, blind Bartimaeus powerfully encounters Christ. Bartimaeus cries out to God to have mercy on him. Jesus answers his prayer, but responds to blind Bartimaeus with a question, "What do you want me to do for you?" The need in Bartimaeus' life was evident—he was blind and undoubtedly was desiring to see. However, Christ was asking whether Bartimaeus actually believed that Christ could heal him. Jesus always knows what we need, but the question is, do we know we need Him?

**3) Right now, if Jesus asked you the question He asked blind Bartimaeus. How would you respond?**

**4) What has prayer been like for you this last week? Have you noticed your prayer life changing during the COVID-19 crisis?**

Jesus responds by healing Bartimaeus. Christ demonstrates that He is the King, who rules over sickness and pain in the world. Christ is greater than any sickness or virus that we may face. His Kingdom is established, secure, and eternal. Amid the uncertainty, we can have confidence, hope, peace, and rest as we trust in Jesus and His rule and reign.

**5) How does Mark 10:46-52 demonstrate that Christ is both powerful and kind? How does that speak to us in our current crisis and the challenges we face?**

**6) Take a moment to share specific prayer requests and spend time praying together.**