

"Same Question" Small Group Questions For the week of July 11, 2021

Icebreakers:

- What is your usual response to panhandlers? Why do you take this approach?
- Tell us about a time as a kid when you felt sidelined or marginalized in some way.

Discussion Questions:

1. Read Mark 10:42-45.

How does Jesus define greatness?

How does this compare with how greatness is defined in our society today?

2. Read Mark 10:35-40 and 46-52.

What similarities do you notice?

What differences do you notice?

Why does Jesus grant one request but not the other?

3. As a blind beggar, what are some of the obstacles Bartimaeus might have encountered in his culture?

How does Jesus remove some of those obstacles through this divine appointment?

- 4. Why do you think Jesus asks Bartimaeus exactly the same question he had earlier asked James and John?
- 5. From this passage, how would you define what it means to follow Jesus?
- 6. If Jesus were to ask you the same question today, "What do you want me to do for you?" what would you answer?