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**Warm up question:**

- Have you ever tried to communicate with someone who was deaf, blind, or needed some other form of communication other than you are used to? What was important when you were trying to communicate with them?

**Read Mark 10:46-52**

1. Where are Jesus and his disciples now? What is this place famous for?
2. How is Bartimaeus described? How are you picturing him?
3. What might Bartimaeus mean when he cries out, "have mercy on me"?
4. Why do you think the people wanted Bartimaeus to stay quiet?
5. In the Greek, it says that the people say to Bartimaeus "tharseó" which is translated as "be of good cheer", "be bold", "be courageous". Why might they say this to him?
6. Why might Jesus' question to Bartimaeus take him by surprise? (Vs. 51)
7. Bartimaeus refers to Jesus as "Rabbi" which means "my master" or "my teacher". How has Bartimaeus begun to see Jesus clearly before his eyes have been opened?
8. Jesus says, "Your faith has healed you." What did Bartimaeus have faith in?
9. In what ways does this story add to the history of Jericho's walls coming down?
10. Looking forward, how do the people of Jerusalem see clearly in Mark 11:1-10?

**Rubber hits the road:**

- In what ways do you feel blind? How can you follow Jesus' voice when you can't see?

**PRAYER**

*Gracious King, we thank you that even though we ourselves are blind to so much, you truly care about the desires of our hearts. We pray that as we seek after your heart, our desires would become like yours, and that you would help us to see the world and your people with your eyes. Break down the walls of our hearts and fill us with your Spirit.  
Amen.*

