

Mark: The Church in Formation

Don't Let the Crowd Stop You: Bartimeus, A Lesson in Persistence Mark 10:46-52

- I. We must come to Christ by listening to His words.
"And when he heard that it was Jesus" [Mark 10:47]
"Faith comes by hearing" [Rom. 10:17]
- II. We must come to Christ based upon His mercy towards us.
"Have mercy on me" [Mark 10:48]
"He first loved us" [1 John 4:19]
- III. We must come to Christ in spite of every discouragement.
"Then many warned him to be quiet" [Mark 10:48]
- IV. We must come to Christ when the Spirit draws us.
"As He went out of Jericho" [Mark 10:46]
"Seek the Lord while He may be found" [Is. 55:6]
"Today...do not harden your hearts" [Heb. 4:7]
- V. We must come to Christ just as we are.
"And throwing aside his garment" [Mark 10:50]
- VI. We must come to Christ abandoning all hindrances.
"He jumped up and came to Jesus" [Mark 10:50]
- VII. We must come to Christ in full consciousness of our need.
"What do you want from me?" [Mark 10:51]
- VIII. We must come to Christ and ask him specifically the thing we desire.
"Rabboni, I want to regain my sight!" [Mark 10:51 NAS]
"You do not have because you do not ask" [James 4:2]
- IX. We must come to Christ by faith and then follow in obedience.
"Your faith has made you whole. And he followed Jesus"
[Mark 10:52]

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