



Small Group Guide: "What Do You Want Me to Do for You?"

Opening Prayer

Key Takeaways:

1. Jesus asks the same question "What do you want me to do for you?" to both James/John and Blind Bartimaeus, but receives very different responses.
2. Unashamed, persistent, faith-filled, and missional prayer honors God.
3. Our approach to Jesus reveals our heart and what we truly want from Him.

Discussion Questions:

1. If Jesus asked you today, "What do you want me to do for you?", how would you respond? Why?
2. The sermon contrasts James and John's private request with Bartimaeus' public cry for help. How does this challenge your approach to prayer?
3. Discuss the statement: "Your greatest friends in life are the ones who will always help you get one step closer to Jesus." How can we be those friends to others?
4. How does Bartimaeus' faith-filled approach to Jesus inspire or challenge you?
5. The pastor mentions that "missional prayer honors the Father." What do you think this means, and how can we align our prayers more closely with God's mission?
6. Reflect on a time when you've been hesitant to pray boldly or publicly. What held you back?

Practical Applications:

1. This week, practice being more open about your prayer needs with trusted friends or your small group.
2. Identify one area in your life where you need to approach Jesus with persistent, faith-filled prayer like Bartimaeus.

3. Reflect on Isaiah 35:5-6. How can you pray in alignment with God's promises and mission this week?
4. Consider attending the church's intercessory prayer time or finding a prayer partner to practice bold, faith-filled prayer.

Closing Prayer:

Take time to pray for each other's needs, encouraging bold and faith-filled requests to Jesus.