

What Is Your Greatest Need?

Mark 10:35-52

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Central Truth: When we ask for what is truly our greatest need, our prayers are answered.

What is your greatest need? _____

Read 1 John 5:14-15; John 15:7. Do you really believe them? Break into groups to discuss the following passages:

Mark 10:35-41	Mark 10:46-52
^{10:35} And James and John, the two sons of Zebedee, came up to Him, saying to Him, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask of You."	^{10:46} And they came to Jericho. And as He was going out from Jericho with His disciples and a great multitude, a blind beggar <i>named</i> Bartimæus, the son of Timæus, was sitting by the road. ⁴⁷ And when he heard that it was Jesus the Nazarene, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸ And many were sternly telling him to be quiet, but he kept crying out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹ And Jesus stopped and said, "Call him <i>here</i> ." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take courage, arise! He is calling for you." ⁵⁰ And casting aside his cloak, he jumped up, and came to Jesus.
³⁶ And He said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?"	⁵¹ And answering him, Jesus said, "What do you want Me to do for you?"
³⁷ And they said to Him, "Grant that we may sit in Your glory, one on Your right, and one on <i>Your</i> left."	And the blind man said to Him, "Rabboni, <i>I want</i> to regain my sight!"
³⁸ But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking for. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" ³⁹ And they said to Him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you shall drink; and you shall be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized. ⁴⁰ "But to sit on My right or on <i>My</i> left, this is not Mine to give; but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."	⁵² And Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well."
⁴¹ And hearing this, the ten began to feel indignant with James and John.	And immediately he regained his sight and <i>began</i> following Him on the road. (=Luke 18:43 - And immediately he regained his sight, and <i>began</i> following Him, glorifying God; and when all the people saw it, they gave praise to God.)

Bible Study: (Group 1 – Mark 10:35-41; Group 2 – Mark 10:46-52)

	10:35-41 (Group 1)	10:46-52 (Group 2)	Me
1. Who gets an audience with Jesus?	(v35)	(v46-49)	(Heb 4:16)
2. How do they get audience with Him? Is it public or private? Is it a common occurrence for them?	(v35)	(v46-49)	(Heb 10:19-22)
3. What does Jesus ask first?	(v36)	(v51)	
4. What is their answer?	(v37)	(v51)	
5. Who would benefit?	(v37)	(v52)	
6. What is Jesus' response?	(v38-45)	(v52)	
7. What is the result of their request?	(v41)	(v52, Lk 18:43)	

Answer the following questions about your passage:

Group 1	Group 2
What do you think about the request that James and John made?	How long did it take for Bartimæus to decide what he wanted?
Why did they ask for that?	
Did they have any greater needs?	Did he have any greater need?
Why did Jesus not grant their request?	Did Jesus' response validate his request?
What does the result of their request show about the value of it?	

Personal Application:

Is it possible that we become so familiar with Jesus that we start asking for things we do not need and become blind to our greatest needs? (James 4:3)

Do you think that Jesus would answer your prayer if you asked Him to meet your greatest need?

After having read these two accounts, what do you think Jesus thinks is your greatest need?

Ask Jesus to show you your greatest need. Then start asking Him to meet that need.