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Passion  
the road to the cross  
Part 1 Jesus Interrupted  

USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE  

We have provided all the Scriptures referenced in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to facilitate a discussion.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together.

While the questions are important, remember your small group’s goal is not to pound through the questions but to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships, so knock yourself out with the discussion questions but spend more time laughing than answering the questions.

[Mark 10:33-34]  
Jesus once more began to describe everything that was about to happen to him. “Listen,” he said, “we’re going up to Jerusalem, where the Son of Man will be betrayed to the leading priests and the teachers of religious law. They will sentence him to die and hand him over to the Romans. They will mock him, spit on him, flog him with a whip, and kill him, but after three days he will rise again.”

[Mark 10:46-52] (The Message)  
They spent some time in Jericho. As Jesus was leaving town, trailed by his disciples and a parade of people, a blind beggar by the name of Bartimaeus, son of Timaeus, was sitting alongside the road. When he
heard that Jesus the Nazarene was passing by, he began to cry out, “Son of David, Jesus! Mercy, have mercy on me!” Many tried to hush him up, but he yelled all the louder, “Son of David! Mercy, have mercy on me!”

Jesus stopped in his tracks. “Call him over.”

They called him. “It’s your lucky day! Get up! He’s calling you to come!”

Throwing off his coat, he was on his feet at once and came to Jesus.

Jesus said, “What can I do for you?”

The blind man said, “Rabbi, I want to see.”

“On your way,” said Jesus. “Your faith has saved and healed you.”

In that very instant he recovered his sight and followed Jesus down the road.

• Faith has a vocabulary

[Isaiah 35:5]
And when he comes, he will open the eyes of the blind and unplug the ears of the deaf.

• Great faith frees us from pride, it doesn’t care what people think.

[Mark 10:48]
“Be quiet!” many of the people yelled at him. But he only shouted louder, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”

• Great faith cast off what needs to be left behind

[Hebrews 12:1]
“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles.

• Great Faith has a behavior, it doesn’t stop!
DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Does God hear our faint cry? When was the last time you were keenly aware that Jesus heard your cry. What was His response?
2. If Jesus sees you on the other side of your redemption or the other side of your healing then what is it he sees when he looks at you?
3. Who do you believe Jesus is to you? Spend some time declaring who He is.
4. What are the lies of the enemy that come to silence us when we feel like screaming out, "Son of David! Have mercy on me!"
5. What "cloak" do you need to cast off and leave behind to receive your miracle?
6. Is your faith making a demand on the miracle power of God? Share with each other the miracles you are contending for then boldly declare who He is and cry out for each other that Jesus, the Son of David, would come and perform the miracle you are asking for.