

**Recap of 12/17/23 message by Pastor Joe (Mark 10:46-52):**

1. *We see in Mark 10:46-52 that when people receive their sight, they follow Jesus. Bartimaeus immediately followed Jesus and his healing was a source of praise by the people for Jesus. He received his physical sight and his spiritual sight (salvation).*
2. *Receiving salvation is not the end of our journey, it is just the beginning of following Jesus as His disciple.*
3. *Richards says of this passage: In a simple act Jesus demonstrated the greatness that He taught. Despite the immediate prospect of His own suffering, He stopped to help a blind man the crowds uncaringly tried to quiet.” “Jesus illustrates the pathway of service when He stops on His way to the cross to heal a man who is blind.”*
4. *“Your faith has healed you” (vs. 52) is often misinterpreted. The faith meant here is trust in God. It is not power aimed at God, that an occultic view. As Grassmick says, “Faith was the necessary means not the efficient cause.”*
5. *Bartimaeus was saved from physical and spiritual blindness. He recognized his need and his inability to meet that need. He trusted the One who could meet His need and became a follower of Jesus Christ illustrating. The path to salvation and discipleship is to recognize our need and our inability to meet that need, and then to trust the One who can meet the need. When Bartimaeus could “see” he followed Jesus.*