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**HOPE**

**WHEN YOU CAN'T SEE  
WHAT'S AHEAD**

Then they reached Jericho, and as Jesus and his disciples left town, a large crowd followed him. A blind beggar named Bartimaeus (son of Timaeus) was sitting beside the road. When Bartimaeus heard that Jesus of Nazareth was nearby, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Mark 10:46-47

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

When Jesus heard him, he stopped and said, "Tell him to come here." So they called the blind man. "Cheer up," they said. "Come on, he's calling you!" Bartimaeus threw aside his coat, jumped up, and came to Jesus. Mark 10:49-50

"What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked. "My rabbi," the blind man said, "I want to see!" Mark 10:51

And Jesus said to him, "Go, for your faith has healed you." Instantly the man could see, and he followed Jesus down the road. Mark 10:52 (NLT)

**THREE PRAYERS**

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**QUESTIONS**

For personal reflection or group discussion

1. Let's walk through the three prayers this week and apply them to our lives. Where in your life do you relate to Bartimaeus' cry, "Lord, have mercy on me!"? How does it encourage you to know you can cry out to God for mercy?
2. Bartimaeus prayed that God would open his eyes - he needed literal sight. How about you? How would you finish Bartimaeus' sentence: "Lord, I want to \_\_\_\_\_." While most of us have our physical sight, it doesn't mean there aren't ways we need our eyes opened. Maybe you need your eyes opened to the needs around you, maybe you need your eyes opened to a habit that needs to go...in what way(s) do you need God to open your eyes?
3. The Bible says that after Jesus healed Bartimaeus, he continued to "follow Jesus down the road". Right now, how are you finding it difficult to follow Jesus? How do you think following Jesus would help you in your struggles right now?

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