

## **Mark 10:32-52**

### **Following Jesus 'on the way'**

#### **Read v32-34**

Why is Jesus leading his disciples to Jerusalem if he knows he will be condemned and killed there (v33-34)?

Why do you think Jesus explains what will happen to him again, if he's already told them twice (cf. Mark 8:31-33; 9:30-32)?

#### **Read v35-40**

Why is the request of James and John so shocking?

Why do you think it might have seemed reasonable to them?

What's the real problem with it? What does it reveal about James and John?

#### **Read v41-45**

How would you explain, in your own words, the principle Jesus gives for what it means to be truly great as one of his followers?

What is the ultimate reason for us adopting this way of life?

How have you observed or experienced people using status or power to serve themselves in the past week?

In what contexts are *you* most tempted to think / behave like this?

What does it really mean for you to 'be slave of all'? What other things do we need to take account of as we apply it?

What does that look like...

- at work?
- at home?
- in relationships with friends and neighbours?
- at church?

#### **Read verses 46-52**

How does the response of Bartimaeus contrast with the reactions of the disciples?

What impact do you think this story is meant to have on us as readers?