

## Find Your People, Love Your Neighbor Take the Next Step

# TALK IT OVER

### Key Scriptures

*Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (which means "son of Timaeus"), was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." ... Mark 10:46-49 NIV*

*... "Cheer up! On your feet! ..."*  
Mark 10:49 NIV

*Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus. "What do you want ...?" Jesus asked him. The blind man said, "... I want to see." Mark 10:50-51 NIV*

*... [Jesus] is the head of the body, the church ... Colossians 1:18 NIV*

Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- What does "belonging" mean to you?

Start thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Which part of this message was most impactful for you and why?
- Read **Mark 10:46-51**. What do you learn about Jesus through this interaction with Bartimaeus? How do you think this interaction built Bartimaeus' faith?
- How do you normally navigate problems, struggles, or setbacks? What's one thing you could do differently the next time you're faced with opposition of any size?

Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- When you try to take a step forward, you can expect that there will be some opposition. Talk about a time when you took a step toward God and faced opposition. How did that experience impact your faith?
- God is calling each of us to take a step forward into who He's designed us to be. Share how God is calling you with your group. Then spend time praying together.

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

*Father, thank You for meeting us right where we are and providing for every need. We're ready to take a step forward to be everything You've called and created us to be. Please help us to see the people You've surrounded us with and show us how we can be intentional with them. In Jesus' name, amen.*

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- [We all have one step we can take to become who God has designed us to be. Take that step this week, and then tell your LifeGroup how it goes.](#)
- Start the *Wisdom for Friendships* Bible Plan using Plans With Friends: [www.go2.lc/friendships](http://www.go2.lc/friendships)
- Consider how you could love others by serving on the weekend or with a Local Mission Partner.