

WEEK 10

CHOICES - JAMES, JOHN & BARTIMAEUS

GROUP DISCUSSION 1

› Use the time to ask any questions you still have.

TALK OUTLINE

“What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus asked.” (Mark 10:36 and 51)

- James and John ask Jesus for power and prestige. So Jesus knows that they cannot have understood what it means to follow him. He corrects their thinking by reminding them that even he “did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many” (Mark 10:45).
- If you’ve already put your trust in Jesus, you may need to learn what James and John learned: following Jesus is about service, not status.
- Bartimaeus asks for mercy. Jesus heals him. He immediately begins to follow Jesus.
- If you haven’t yet put your trust in Jesus, you need to do what Bartimaeus did: cry out to him for mercy and follow him.

NOTES

GROUP DISCUSSION 2

- Who do you identify with most: James and John or Bartimaeus?

- What choices will you make based on what you've learned during *Christianity Explored*?

- “If you could ask God one question, and you knew it would be answered, what would it be?” How did you answer that back in Week 1? How would you answer it now?

Thank you for making time to attend *Christianity Explored*. If you've become convinced of who Jesus is and what he came to do, and you understand what it will mean to follow him, you might like to pray the following prayer:

Heavenly Father, I have rebelled against you. I have sinned in my thoughts, my words and my actions – sometimes unconsciously, sometimes deliberately. I am sorry for the way I have lived and ask you to forgive me. Thank you that Jesus died on the cross so that I could be forgiven. Thank you that I can now see clearly who Jesus is and why he came. Please send your Holy Spirit to help me follow him whatever the cost. Amen.