



How To Draw a Circle

Opening Question:

Have you ever seen anybody make a scene in a big crowd? Where was it? What did they do?

Read Mark 10:46-52

Does anything in the passage jump out to you or leave you with questions?

What do you think it would have been like being a person who was blind in the 1st century Ancient Near East? What would their life have been like? How would it have been different for a blind person in our community today?

Asking Jesus to miraculously heal blindness is a big bold request. It requires a lot of faith. Is there any prayer that's too big for God? Is there any prayer that's too bold? What do you think and why?

Pastor David made the point that prayer is something that we learn to do and we can learn to do better - especially when it comes to praying big, bold prayers.

1. How do we get better at prayer?
2. What is the hardest thing for you in prayer?
3. Does our praying better increase the effectiveness of our prayers?

Pastor David also made the point that bold prayer can get loud, like Bartimaeus was loud.

- a. What does a 'loud prayer' look like?
- b. Is loud prayer something that you're comfortable with? If not, why not?

In the message, bold, circling prayer was also named as 1. Specific; 2. Fueled by faith; and 3. Glorifying God. When you think about your prayers, do you see any growing edge in any of these ways?

Application:

Just like Jesus did with Bartimaeus, if Jesus was to ask you 'What do you want me to do for you?' would you have an answer?" Would you have something specific, something significant, something on your heart ready to ask Jesus for in circling prayer?

How have you seen God glorified in big, bold prayer? When you think about your own life, what type of bold prayer could you circle that would give God glory?

Prayer

- Share praises and prayer requests with one another.

Guided prayer: God, give us more boldness in our prayers. Let us not shy away from asking you for big things. But let us ask big things that expand your kingdom and bring you glory. Amen.