



new life fellowship

Sermon Title: Recovery of Sight for the Missionally Blind

Speakers: Redd Sevilla, Launch Pastor

Scripture: Mark 10:45-52

45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

46 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. 47 When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

48 Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” 49 Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.”

So they called to the blind man, “Cheer up! On your feet! He’s calling you.” 50 Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus. 51 “What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus asked him. The blind man said, “Rabbi, I want to see.” 52 “Go,” said Jesus, “your faith has healed you.” Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road. (NIV)

Sermon Summary:

The follower of Jesus is called to bring good into the world. Forgetting or forgoing this is missional blindness. This Sunday, Pastor Redd will bring us a message about the truth that brings recovery of sight to the missionally blind. Please take some time to prayerfully read through [Mark 10:45-52](#) before Sunday.

Sermon Questions:

1. Pastor Redd defined missional blindness as the "inability to see your God-given mission to bring good into the world." In light of this definition, how well do you see?
2. As you reflect on your week, was there a moment of denying good to someone you came across?
3. Pastor Redd mentions that separating any work from seeing it as "full-time ministry" is a way to spot missional blindness. How do you view your paid and unpaid (housework, parenting, etc.) work? What would be different to show up at work on mission w/ God?
4. We were reminded in the message that seeing missionally doesn't haven't to cross the globe, but could be as simple as crossing the street. It is also seeing the person rather than an "other". Who is God calling you to see and respond to? What could a welcoming response look like?
5. The response of Jesus to Bartimaeus changes not only Bartimaeus, but the disciples as well, who had rebuked and sought to silence the blind man. Reflect on the changes you see in their attitude and actions. How have you been changed in your own life by experiencing God's heart for someone you initially disregarded or desired distance from?
6. Pastor Redd reminds us that Jesus does the heavy lifting in reaching people - it is His job that He invites us into. The mission Jesus is on is described in Luke 4:18 - "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." Prayerfully reflect on this mission of Jesus in our world. What excites you? Where could you join in?