



**Luke 11:35-43** As Jesus approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard the crowd going by, he asked what was happening. They told him, “Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.”

He called out, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

Those who led the way rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”

Jesus stopped and ordered the man to be brought to him. When he came near, Jesus asked him, “What do you want me to do for you?”

“Lord, I want to see,” he replied.

Jesus said to him, “Receive your sight; your faith has healed you.” Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, praising God. When all the people saw it, they also praised God.

### Icebreaker

What did you get scolded for most often when you were a kid?

### Conversation Starters

1. Which character or group do you most identify with? Why?
2. Have you ever been told to be quiet when you had something really important you need to say? What happened?

The blind man had the ability to SEE the extraordinary because he was paying attention. **Seeing means paying attention.**

1. What keeps you from paying attention? What prompts you to pay attention?
2. Do you believe it is possible that God wants us to see and pay attention to the rumbling, confusion, the noise and pain of other people? Especially people who are different from us? Why or Why not?
3. How would you see and pay attention to the protests rocking our country in new ways, even if they are unsettling?

The blind man’s mental picture of Jesus gave him the faith he needed to believe Jesus could transform his life.

**-Seeing means forming mental pictures.**

1. Can you describe your mental picture of Jesus?
2. What would it look like for you to make it a top priority to develop or learn to recognize your mental picture of Jesus?
3. Would your mental picture of Jesus prompt you to call out to him with confidence?

The blind man can see new possibilities where there seemed to be none. **Seeing means imagining new possibilities.**

1. Do I see well enough to imagine new possibilities for my life and the life of my neighbors? Is my first instinct to ask questions and then listen to those around me so I can understand what is going on and begin to imagine new possibilities?