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Suggested Questions for Individual
Study or Group Discussion*



- What are some of the most common things for which you ask in your prayers?
- *Read Mark 10:35–41, 46–52.* How would you compare and contrast the interaction Jesus has with James and John with his encounter with Bartimaeus?
- What assumptions do James and John apparently make about who Jesus is and what Jesus has come to do? How does this shape what they ask of Jesus?
- What do James and John want Jesus to do? What deeper desire or need may lay behind or beneath their request?
- How does Bartimaeus view who Jesus is and what he has come to do? How does this motivate his request?
- How does Bartimaeus' answer to Jesus' question differ from that of the disciples? What does Bartimaeus long for?
- With whom in these episodes do you most readily identify? Why?
- How does your view of Jesus' character and ministry motivate and guide the way you pray and what you ask for?
- How do you respond when the Lord does not give you what you desire and request? Have you ever had Jesus essentially say to you, "You don't know what you're asking for"?
- If you hear Jesus ask you today, "What do you want me to do for you?" how will you respond? For what will you ask? How can your small group or others pray along with you?

*Select or adapt questions to fit the needs and makeup of your group.