



OVERLOOKED

Week 1 - Mark 10:46-52 The God Who Sees

Icebreaker: Have you ever felt overlooked or unnoticed—even when you were surrounded by other people? What happened?

1. Jesus Sees the Person Behind the Problem

“You may feel invisible to people, but you are not invisible to God.”

1. Bartimaeus was known by the crowd primarily for his blindness and begging. What are some ways people today can be reduced to a problem, mistake, struggle, or label?
2. Why do you think it is so easy for us to begin believing the labels or opinions that other people place on us?
3. What does it mean to you personally that **Jesus sees the person behind the problem**?

2. When Others Silence You, Jesus Hears You

“Sometimes faith means continuing to call out to Jesus when everything around you says, ‘Stop.’”

1. The crowd told Bartimaeus to be quiet, but he “shouted all the more.” What does his response teach us about persistence in prayer?
2. Have you ever experienced a season when it felt like God wasn't listening? What helped you continue calling out to Him?
3. What is something you need to continue bringing to Jesus instead of allowing discouragement to silence you?

3. When Others Walk Past You, Jesus Stops for You

“The crowd saw an interruption. But Jesus saw an opportunity to show mercy.”

1. Jesus knew Bartimaeus was blind, yet He still asked, “**What do you want Me to do for you?**” Why do you think Jesus asked the question?
2. What does this interaction teach us about the way Jesus relates to people—not simply fixing their problems, but giving them His attention?
3. Who are some people we might be tempted to see as an interruption, inconvenience, or problem rather than as a person Jesus loves? What would it look like to see them differently?

4. When Jesus Sees You, He Invites You to Follow Him

“Bartimaeus came to Jesus as a blind beggar. He left as a follower.”

1. Bartimaeus began the story **sitting beside the road** and ended it **following Jesus along the road**. What do you think changed?
2. What is the difference between asking Jesus to **change our circumstances** and allowing Jesus to **change our direction**?
3. Where might Jesus be inviting you to get off the sidelines and follow Him more intentionally?

TAKEAWAY

You may be overlooked by people, but you are never overlooked by Jesus.

This Week: Look for one person who may feel overlooked. Instead of simply seeing their problem or circumstance, take time to **see the person**—listen, encourage, and remind them that they matter.