

Faith At Work: THE PRACTICE OF SEEING!

Scripture used: [Mark 10:46-52 \(ESV\)](#)

OVERVIEW

This week's message continues our year-long focus on formation—not just what we accomplish, but who we are becoming. Faith at work invites us to ask a deeper question: *How is God shaping me over time?* Formation matters at every stage of life because faith is not static. It is a partnership with God that works in us, between us, and through us in the world. Pastor Hurmon reminded us that faith follows a rhythm. First, we receive love and attention from God. Then, we practice that same love with others. We cannot overflow with love unless we are convinced—deeply and personally—that God loves us despite our brokenness. Nothing separates us from that love. When we truly receive it, it transforms how we see and treat others, including those who feel invisible or pushed to the margins. Through the story of Bartimaeus, the blind beggar on the road out of Jericho, we see a powerful picture of God's attentive love. In a crowded place where Bartimaeus was ignored, Jesus stopped, saw him, and listened. This moment teaches us that before we ever see clearly, we are already seen by God. And as we follow Jesus, we are called to practice seeing others the same way.

KEY POINTS

- 1. Faith at work is about formation.** Faith is not only about outcomes; it is about who we are becoming. God partners with us in a lifelong process of shaping our hearts, our relationships, and our witness in the world.
- 2. Formation follows a rhythm: receiving from God and practicing with others.** We cannot give what we have not first received. God's unconditional love fills us so that we can extend love, dignity, and attention to others.
- 3. Before we see, we are already seen by God.** Bartimaeus was seen by Jesus long before his eyes were healed. God's attention affirms our worth, even when we feel ignored or unseen by others.
- 4. Faith trains us to notice the invisible.** Jesus consistently noticed those on the margins. Following Him means developing a kind of spiritual "radar" that looks for people who are overlooked and unheard.
- 5. Being unseen often leads to disruptive cries for attention.** When people feel invisible, they act out—children, spouses, neighbors, and even communities. Jesus teaches us not to ignore these cries, even when others tell us to move on.

DISCUSSION

- 1) HEAR** - Jesus sees us fully—our past mistakes, present pain, and future potential. Like Bartimaeus, we are not invisible to God. Faith begins with receiving His loving attention and trusting that we matter to Him. Who in your life might be feeling unseen right now? How does knowing that God sees you change the way you listen to others—especially those who cry out in uncomfortable or disruptive ways?
- 2) UNDERSTAND** - Where in Scripture do we see similar moments of God seeing someone others overlooked? (Examples: Hagar, Zacchaeus, the woman at the well, the paralytic, etc.) How does knowing that you are already seen and loved by God shape your sense of worth?
- 3) DO** - This week, practice seeing as Jesus sees. Slow down and engage someone you might normally overlook. Listen without judging or fixing. Speak encouragement, offer prayer, and ask simple questions like, "What do you need?" or "How can I help?"