

February 9 – Living To Bless the World

Monday, February 10

This week, we are focused on our King's desire for us and example of Living to Bless the world. Why don't some Christians serve people in need? In Mark. 10, the blind man, Bartimaeus cried out for Jesus to have mercy on him. Mercy! He doesn't ask for healing, but mercy. He wanted Jesus to feel something for him and then act on it. Mercy is not deserved, but what hasn't been earned. Bartimaeus is humble, not assuming he has done anything to merit Jesus's favor. The people with Jesus, however, the "seeing" people – were being distracted because they were also "hearing" people. They were trying to pay attention to Jesus – What Jesus was teaching – what Jesus was doing. And this man in need kept distracting them! But the truth is, this man in need, crying out to Jesus was actually helping them – turning their attention to where Jesus' heart really was. – others wanted to keep the blind man from distracting them. Jesus wanted his followers to learn to have compassion and mercy on those in need. This has been a message of the Church of Christ at Jenks Ave. – Developing Lifestyles of a church of Christ on Mission. – God bless you and have a great day!