

Where's Your Chair?

Mark 10 46-52



Those who sow in tears shall reap with songs of joy.
Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed, will come back with shouts of joy,
bearing their sheaves with them.

Psalm 126:6-7

Praising:

Amazing grace (how sweet the sound!)
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.

Reading:

Mark 10:46-52
Blind Bartimaeus

“Son of David” is a dangerous title politically but what has Bartimaeus got to lose? It’s all in the way he throws off his cloak. He’s been sat there and sat there. In darkness he picks out the voices he knows and the voices he doesn’t, those worth begging from and those definitely not. And then comes the golden invitation. Up Bartimaeus springs but notice that it’s the disciples who pass Jesus’ invitation on to

him. The task of passing Jesus’ invitation on, lies at the heart of being a disciple as a basic part of the job description. For us as modern day disciples, the fear is that we’ll get an unfriendly or ungrateful reaction. But there’s always the possibility that it might be someone like Bartimaeus – whose relief and joy probably knocked those around him off their feet!

Listening:

Praying:

We pray for those

- who live their lives on hold or on stand-by, who feel the world is passing them by
- who are blind or in any way sensory deprived and who feel overlooked, left out or cut off
- who live without home, income, food or clothing and who must beg to get by

Father: I get so many chances to pass on the invitation of Jesus. Lord give me the courage to take at least some of them and so to be the disciple I say I want to be. Amen

Doing: