



DATE(S)

June 25-26, 2022

SERIES AND LESSON TITLE

All In – Week 4

TAKE-HOME POINT (THP)

**We worship a BIG God and
that requires BIG faith!**

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

Mark 10:46-52

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Give any Campus-Specific Announcements

OPENING GAME / GROUP TIME

LARGE-GROUP GAME/ACTIVITY

Where's The Ball?

One of the simplest games of all time! Each slide contains the picture of a pickleball player and a variety of pickleballs. Students must use context clues to guess which ball is the real ball. All other balls are photoshopped in. Students identify which ball they think is the real pickleball by holding fingers up in the air. Can be played by adding up correct guesses or by having students sit when they get it wrong. 10 questions total.

OPENING SMALL GROUP

QUESTIONS

Take attendance and make sure to welcome anyone who is a first-time guest!

What was the highlight of your week?

Describe your dream vacation destination! Where would you go and what would you do?

When you're finished (and there's time), pray for our time of worship/singing.

STUFF TO ASK TO UNIQUELY CONNECT THE LESSON TO KIDS' LIVES

ACTIVITIES

STUFF TO DO SO THINGS AREN'T BORING



LARGE-GROUP SCRIPT

THE MESSAGE

"All In" – Week 4 (Blind Bart)

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A famous tightrope walker in the 1850s began trying several death-defying tightrope walks over Niagara Falls. Think about that...no safety net at all. One little slip and he would fall to his death. The craziest part is that he actually made it across the tightrope without falling on several occasions. He even started doing it in crazy ways: on stilts, pushing a wheelbarrow with 350 pounds of cement, and one time, he took a chair and stove with him, sat down in the middle of the rope, cooked an omelette, ate the omelette, and then finished walking the rest of the way! Crazy stuff!! He was known as The Great Blondin.

During one of these events, The Great Blondin asked the cheering audience if they thought he could push a man across sitting in a wheelbarrow. A mighty roar of approval rose from the crowd. Blondin saw one particular man cheering very loudly, and he asked him, "Sir, do you think I could safely carry you across in this wheelbarrow?" The man responded, "Yes, of course! You're The Great Blondin! You can do anything!" With a little smile, Blondin said, "Alright then...get in the wheelbarrow." The man refused.

In this series "All In," we've been looking at different New Testament stories of people who were "all in." The Great Blondin had a lot of believers and this one man believed that he could do anything...unless, of course, if it involved him! When we decide we are ALL IN with God, do you think we really mean it? Do you think it's possible to have that much faith in God? That's the focus of our **THP (Take Home Point)** today. Here it is!

We worship a BIG God and that requires BIG faith!

As Christians, we believe God can do the impossible. In fact, the Bible even says that in the New Testament in Matthew 19:26 when Jesus tells his disciples, "*With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.*" Our God is a miracle-working God and today we are going to read about someone who truly had BIG faith!

THE MESSAGE

Today, we're going to learn about a man named Bartimaeus. We don't know much about him other than he was poor man who sat by the roadside begging for money. We also know that he was blind and could not see. Since that's all we know, let's just call him Blind Bart for the rest of the day...since that's easier to say than Bartimaeus! Mark 10:46-52 in the New Testament shows us the only story about Blind Bart in the entire Bible. Let's check it out!

"Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (which means "son of Timaeus), was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called to the blind man, "Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you." Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus. "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him. The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see." "Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road."

Just like in our world today, there are people in poverty. Blind Bart was a beggar and the only thing he had was his cloak to keep him warm when it was cold and to use it as a blanket at night to sleep. The moment he knew Jesus was coming into town, he begins shouting his name, "Jesus! Son of David! Have mercy on me!" This is important because the phrase "Son of David" was a term that was to be used only when referring to the Messiah, the Son of God. Basically, that means that Blind Bart thought Jesus was the Son of God, and if He's the Son of God, Blind Bart is thinking, "Maybe He has the power to make me better!" Then it says the people rebuked him and told him to be quiet – basically, they thought he was annoying and told him to stop bothering Jesus.

Well, he doesn't get the hint – Blind Bart just keeps shouting! He's desperate. He believes that Jesus is the only person who can help him. This guy had big faith! He even throws aside his cloak, probably his most important possession, to follow the sound of Jesus' voice. In a way, it's like he's saying, "I'm not going to depend on begging anymore. I just need Jesus." Sure enough, Jesus heals him and he can see again!

THE MESSAGE

Look at what Jesus tells him: *“your faith has healed you.”* Guys, when we have deep faith – true faith – I believe God can meet any need we have. That doesn’t necessarily mean that He will always give us what we ask for, but He will give us what we need, or He will give us something BETTER than we think we need. Blind Bart needed God to heal him and that’s exactly what happened!

(Teacher’s Note: Describe an area of your life personally where you are currently being challenged to have BIG faith. You could also share a personal example from your past of when you had BIG faith in God and how He came through for you!)

If you were to look at your life, would you say that you need more faith? Is there a particular area of your life where you struggle to have faith? Blind Bart needed to have big faith about overcoming his blindness. What’s your blindness? What’s the area of your life where you need God’s healing or help? I want you to think about what the answers to those questions might be for you as we move into our group discussion time.

I hope this story encourages you and reminds you that God can do anything! We serve a BIG God and an AWESOME God...and that God can handle any situation in your life. If he can help and heal Blind Bart, he can help and heal you!

Remember our **THP (Take Home Point)** for today: **We worship a BIG God and that requires BIG faith!** Let’s be people of BIG faith. Let’s pray!



CLOSING GROUP TIME

CLOSING SMALL GROUP

QUESTIONS

***Leader's Note: Make sure to have some Bibles for the students to use.

What was the THP (Take Home Point) today and why was that important during the message?

The story of the Great Blondin walking across a rope over Niagara Falls is crazy! Do you think the man who refused to go with him in the wheelbarrow ACTUALLY believed he could do it? Why or why not?

Do you believe God can do anything if we believe in faith? Why?

What if it doesn't happen? Does that reflect our lack of faith or is it more to do with God's plan being hard to understand?

What is one area of your life where you need BIG faith in God?

How will the THP help you to live differently this week? Be specific.

How can this group pray for you this week?

ACTIVITIES

After your group is finished with your discussion, close in prayer together!



PREP NEEDS

SMALL-GROUP SUPPLIES

Some Bibles for students to share during group discussion
Pen/paper for SOAP study (optional)

LARGE-GROUP SUPPLIES

Stupid Video of the Week
Message script
Message slides

AUDIO/VISUAL NEEDS

Pro Presenter or Playlister

