

## REQUESTS

As preached on Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>

**Read:** Mark 10:32-52

1. Beginning in v.32 we find Jesus and his disciples on their way to Jerusalem. Mark tells us that some who were with him “were astonished” and others were “afraid”. Which group felt which way? Why?
2. Jesus predicts his death for the third time in vv.33-34. Is it different from the first two in any way? In what ways is it similar? Why do you suppose he keeps reiterating his prediction?
3. What do you think of James’ and John’s request of Jesus in v.37? Do they seem to understand who Jesus is and the mission he has come to accomplish?
4. What does Jesus mean when he begins talking about a cup and baptism in v.38?
5. How do the rest of Jesus’ disciples feel about James’ and John’s request of Jesus? How would you summarize what Jesus teaches in vv.42-45?
6. What do you think of the story of Bartimaeus’ healing in vv.46-52?
7. What similarities are there between the story of Bartimaeus and the story of James and John? What differences?
8. Imagine Jesus asking you, “What do you want me to do for you?” as he did of James, John, and Bartimaeus. How would you answer? Why?