

Intensity

Series: *I Became a Christian and All I Got Was This Lousy T-Shirt*

Week Two: Small Group Questions

Correlates with Chapter 6

1. What is your favorite thing to eat at home? How about in a restaurant?
2. Some of us are reading a book called *I Became a Christian and All I Got Was This Lousy T-Shirt*. In that book the author talks about how we have “roving appetites”—that we’ve tried to “eat” all kinds of things that we’re sure will fill us up but ultimately don’t.
 - a. Growing up, what were some of the things you wanted intensely but that ended up not satisfying you?
 - b. More recently, has there been anything that you’ve wanted intensely but found wasn’t as fulfilling as you had imagined?
3. Read Mark 10:46–52.
4. Bartimaeus was blind and a beggar. Are there any ways in which you can relate to him?
5. What do you think Bartimaeus might have heard about Jesus that led him to call out as Jesus passed by?
6. What did you hear about Jesus that originally led you to seek and call out to him?
7. Bartimaeus was obviously very hungry for Jesus and for what Jesus could do in his life. How would you describe your hunger for Jesus right now?
 - a. “I’m starving!”
 - b. “I could eat.”
 - c. “No thanks, I’m not really hungry.”
 - d. “I’m hungry, but I’m not sure that’s what I would pick from the menu . . .”
8. If you don’t have a real hunger for Jesus right now but want to have that kind of intensity, what could you do to develop it?
9. Because he intensely wanted Jesus and what Jesus could do for him, Bartimaeus shouted out. This led him to get what he desired. If you’re hungry for more of God, what do you need to *do* to get what you desire?
 - a. Start reading the Bible regularly?
 - b. Devote more time to prayer?
 - c. Spend time with other Christians (at church, in small group, etc.) more consistently?
10. What will you actually *do* this week to increase your intensity for God and to get your hunger for him filled? How can this group help you?

