

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

- 1) 06 Dec.....Mark 1..... How Can Jesus Help Me?
- 2) 13 Dec..... Mark 2:1-3:6..... What does Jesus' call mean for me?
- 3) 20 Dec..... Luke 2..... Why did Jesus come?
- 4) 27 Dec..... Mark 3:7-6:6a..... Is God still working in the world?
- 5) 3 Jan..... Mark 6:6b-56..... How to be courageous
- 6) 10 Jan..... Mark 7:1-8:33..... How to develop your faith
- 7) 17 Jan..... Mark 3:1-6; 5:21-43; 10:13-16..... How to be Pro-Life
- 8) 24 Jan..... Mark 8:34-10:31..... How to get along with others
- 9) **31 Jan..... Mark 10:32-52..... How to be successful**
- 10) 7 Feb..... Mark 11-12..... When your priorities are challenged
- 11) 14 Feb..... Mark 13..... When you feel overwhelmed
- 12) 21 Feb..... Mark 14..... When you have difficult decisions
- 13) 28 Feb..... Mark 15-16..... When life is unfair

INTRODUCTION

- Jesus prepares His disciples for His death and heals blind Bartimaeus
- Jesus also responds to a request for promotions

Passage	Comments
10:52	<p>“...your faith has made you whole.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The tense indicates Bartimaeus' faith had made him whole, and his wholeness would continue in the future • Bartimaeus is a good analogy of the disciples' blindness. Jesus would eventually have to fix their problem too

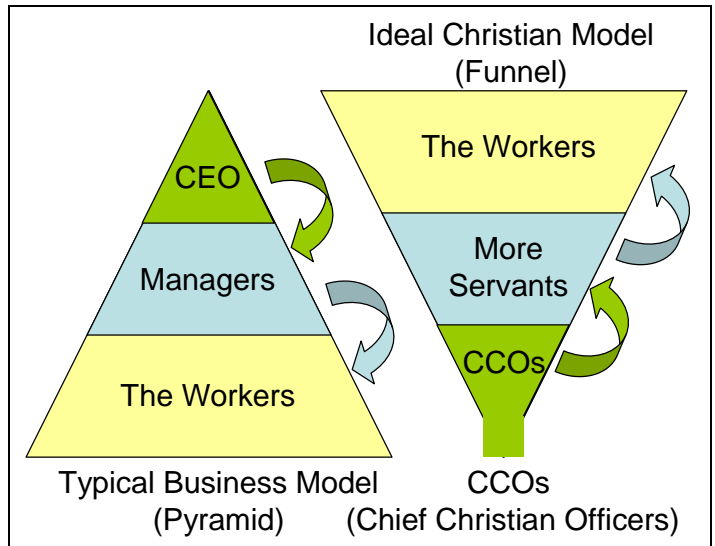
CONCLUDING REMARKS

- Don't look at your day job as a means to attain a comfortable living.
- Rather look at your job as Christian OJT and the Church as a school of learning

NEXT WEEK:

- Jesus begins the final week of His ministryMark 11-12
 - ◆ Passover meal is prepared
 - ◆ Jesus purges the temple of profiteers
 - ◆ Jesus gives a powerful motivation to pray
 - ◆ Jesus is tested with 3 questions
 - ◆ The widow with 2 mites is honored

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Mark 10:32-34	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus warns His disciples of his impending death
10:35-41	<p>James and John ask Jesus for a promotion from food distributors to senior executives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vv38-39 - Jesus responds 'you still don't get it!' • v40 – Besides, the positions of honor are already allocated
10:42-45	<p>The Christian model is totally different from the typical business model</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christian leaders are servants at the bottom of the organizational chart and not at the top (see illustration) • In the business model most workers are eager to get promotions – promotions mean more pay, more responsibilities. They go to school, become educated, certified, and qualified • In the Christian model, the CCOs (Chief Christian Officers) are at the bottom of the organizational chart • However, believers often refuse a promotion – many don't make the effort to get trained or even want extra responsibilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ How can this be fixed? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Some badger - Some preach guilt trips - Jesus, Peter and Paul used patience and encouragement to entice a volunteer workforce to fly straight
10:46-49	<p>Bartemaeus cries out for a healing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bartemaeus would not take 'NO' for an answer • He kept crying to be heard by the one who hears the cries of the hurting • Bartemaeus may have been blind but he was not ignorant – he knew who could fix his problem – Jesus
10:50-51	<p>Bartemaeus threw off everything that was hindering him from quickly rising to the occasion to meet his Lord</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus knew what Bartemaeus needed and wanted, but Jesus had him vocalize his faith



- ▲ **The Pyramid.** In the typical business model the CEO pushes his demands down to the workforce, and only a few workers are able to claw their way to the top
- ▼ **The Funnel.** In the Christian model the CCO (Chief Christian Officer) makes the way known by leading by example, and every Christian worker can become a CCO