

# Baseball Team Devotion- The Concession Stand

## Scripture Lesson: Mark 10: 46-52

One of the places I will always go when I go watch a baseball game is the concession stand. Concession stands are the restaurants of the Baseball Diamond. There is something about popcorn at a game, it just tastes better. Concession stands serve all kinds of wonderful things, hot dogs, soft drinks, peanuts, popcorn, Cracker Jack, all kinds of candy, and the American Baseball staples, sunflower seeds and bubble gum. Concession stands are usually manned by people who are ready to serve. They will gladly get you anything on the menu you ask for in a timely manner. What is your favorite thing to get at a concession stand? Be sure to always thank the people working in the concession stand, they are there to get you what you want!

In today's Scripture lesson, Jesus is in Jericho on the way to Jerusalem for the last time. He knows at this point in His ministry His death on the cross is approaching rapidly. As he is getting into Jericho a blind beggar on the side of the road named Bartimaeus, hears Jesus is coming. He gets excited and begins to cry out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me." Many in the crowd told him to be quiet, but Bartimaeus would not be silent. As a matter of fact he just got louder. Jesus stopped and called for Bartimaeus to come to Him. Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" the blind man said, " Rabbi, I want to see." "Go your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road. Bartimaeus asked for his sight and Jesus gave him what he wanted because of his faith. Jesus is waiting for us to ask him in faith. He wants to give us the good things in life. Bartimaeus thanked Jesus for giving him his sight by following Him. When is the last time we thanked Jesus for answering our prayers. Just like the concession stand there are a lot of good things available just for the asking. Faith, love, joy, guidance, provision are all there and Jesus is just waiting to answer us when we ask. God's concession stand is open, are we ready to ask?

Visual aid: small packs of sunflower seeds or pieces of bubble gum for the players