Mothers' Union Listening, Observing, Acting (MULOA)
Group Bible Study: Blind Bartimaeus

Objective: Reflected on Mothers' Union's calling to the 'outsiders' and the impact we can have

Mark 10: 46-52 (NIV)

46 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. 47 When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

48 Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

49 Jesus stopped and said, "Call him."

So they called to the blind man, "Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you." 50 Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus.

51 "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him.

The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see."

52 "Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

Guiding questions:

THEN	NOW
• *What was it about Bartimaeus that drew Jesus to him?*	• *Who does Bartimaeus represent in our own locality?*
• *What different reactions came from the crowd and how did they change?*	• *If Mothers' Union is the crowd today, how do we react to the vulnerable and marginalised?*
• *What changes took place in Bartimaeus as a result?*	• *From this learning, what changes in lives should Mothers' Union be helping to bring?*