

Small Group Questions | Spiritual Blindness | John 9



Last week Jesus gave another “I am” statement. Jesus said, “I am the light of the world.” Today we will see that language continued in the Gospel of John as we look at the story of a man who was born blind but healed by Jesus. It’s a story that should be encapsulated in joy, but instead the man is confronted by the religious leaders after his healing. He is interrogated instead of welcomed into the family of God. Finally, the man meets Jesus and learns about having spiritual eyes to see the truth around him. Today we’re going to discover that although Jesus can heal physical eyesight, he more importantly heals spiritual blindness.

1. We all have a story. Jesus came to earth to rewrite our brokenness into hope. Share with your group about when you met Jesus. Briefly talk about how you were once spiritually blind. What happened for your eyes to be opened to Jesus?
2. **Read John 9:1-5.** The disciples asked Jesus a question about the man born blind. So often we look for an easy answer to difficult problems. Can you think of a time when bad theology led to you asking the wrong question?
3. **Read John 9:6-7.** The healing of this man required obedience on his part. In the Old Testament there is a story about a man named Naaman who was required to act in obedience in order to be healed. **Read 2 Kings 5:13-15.** How is God asking you to act in obedience?
4. We know how to act in obedience. We obey traffic patterns, follow the laws of the land, and listen to the instruction of our boss at work. So, what makes it so difficult to obey God in all areas of our lives?
5. **Read John 9:18-23.** The Pharisees interrogated this man’s parents about his blindness. His parents were afraid to answer because it would affect their status in the synagogue. Is there anyone you’re afraid to talk with about Jesus?
6. **Read John 9:35-41.** The conclusion of the story is that this man finds sight in Jesus and ultimately meets the one who healed him. His first response is to worship Jesus. Is there a place you’ve been withholding worship from Jesus?
7. We talked about sharing our faith story with those around us by using the model in **John 9** and **Ephesians 4:22-24.** Have you taken the time to write out your faith story? How do you feel about sharing your faith? What emotions do you experience when you think about telling others what Jesus has done in your life?
8. Close your time in prayer. Pray for courage to talk to others about Jesus.