

COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS

Spring 2025 - Signs - "The Glory of His Signs"

Monday, Apr. 7 - Sunday, Apr. 13 (Week 10)

In his sermon, Pastor Mike explores John chapter 9, focusing on the miracle of Jesus healing a man born blind. He emphasizes that the miracles Jesus performed, referred to as "signs" by the Apostle John, point beyond themselves to deeper truths about Jesus' identity and mission. The healing of the blind man serves as a significant lesson about spiritual blindness, where many may physically see but lack understanding of their own sinful nature and need for God's grace. Throughout the sermon, Pastor Mike highlights that spiritual blindness is not just a lack of knowledge but a profound inability to see one's own depravity: a blindness that afflicts not just the man in the story but all of humanity. Pastor Mike elaborates on the dynamics of the man's healing, illustrating how Jesus challenges societal norms and religious legalism. He conveys that true sight involves recognizing one's weakness and turning to Christ for forgiveness. The parents of the healed man contrast this transformation, as they fear losing their social status by acknowledging Jesus, revealing the paralyzing grip of the fear of man in human approval. Ultimately, Pastor Mike powerfully concludes that spiritual sight is marked by recognition of Jesus as Lord, confession of faith, and worship. He exhorts listeners to confront their own willingness to see the depth of their sin and embrace the grace available through Jesus, reminding them that acknowledging their need for grace is the pathway to true freedom and a deeper relationship with God.

- Reflect on a time when you realized you were "blind" to something in your life. How did that realization change your perspective or actions?
- How does Jesus' healing of the blind man challenge the cultural assumptions about suffering and sin during that time?
- Consider a difficult situation in your life. How might God be using it to display His glory or teach you something important?
- The sermon discusses the fear of man as a form of spiritual blindness. Identify an area in your life where the fear of others' opinions might be influencing your decisions. What steps can you take to prioritize God's opinion over others?
- Why is it important to recognize the depth and degree of our sinfulness?
- Reflect on your current community. How does it shape your identity? What changes might you need to make to ensure your identity is rooted in Christ?

