

The Touch of Jesus

Mark 8:22-26

“Eyes that look are common. Eyes that see are rare.”
(J. Oswald Sanders)

Spiritual blindness is the inability to understand and believe spiritual truth.

Causes of spiritual blindness

1) _____

In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. (2 Cor. 4:4)

2) _____

In his pride the wicked does not seek him; in all his thoughts there is no room for God. (Psalm 10:4, NIV)

3) _____

For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. (Romans 8:7)

4) _____

No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money. (Matthew 6:24)

5) _____

They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. (Ephesians 4:18)

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And they came to Bethsaida. And some people brought to him a blind man and begged him to touch him. And he took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village, and when he had spit on his eyes and laid his hands on him, he asked him, "Do you see anything?" And he looked up and said, "I see people, but they look like trees, walking." Then Jesus laid his hands on his eyes again; and he opened his eyes, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. And he sent him to his home, saying, "Do not even enter the village."

1) A _____ Touch of _____
(8:22-23a)

"Jesus took the blind man by the hand and led him"

- a. _____ Savior
- b. _____ Savior

2) A _____ Touch of _____
(8:23b-25)

"Jesus spits on the blind man's eyes and put His hands on his eyes two times"

- a. _____ with no _____
- b. _____ with _____ sight
- c. _____ with much _____

3) A _____ Touch of _____
(8:26)

"Jesus sent him home"

- a. Commissioned to _____
- b. Commissioned to _____

Life-changing Touch of Jesus

1) _____ of God

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.

(Ephesians 2:8)

2) _____ of God

Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. (1 Corinthians 2:12)

3) _____ of God

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. (2 Corinthians 5:21)

Enlightenment Lessons

1) Friends can move us _____ or _____
_____ God.

2) What we _____ God to do is not always what
_____. But we can be assured that
what He does will be precisely what _____.

3) We don't get spiritually better at the _____
_____ or in the _____. No one _____
_____ of God's truth all at once.

4) A test of how well we _____ the things of
God is in the answer to _____ people.

5) Jesus never messes up; but He does take _____
_____ and _____ them to make us more
like Him.

Making it Personal

- Have you personally experienced God's saving grace through turning from sin and self and turning to Christ in trust and faith?
- Where in your life do you need to experience the life-changing touch of Jesus?
- How can I help bring those who are spiritually blind into the presence of Jesus?
- Who is the person(s) I am begging for Jesus to touch?