

Tips and Tricks:

The sermon notes are designed to be used as a guide for discussion. Don't feel like you have to use every question. Some questions will take a while to work through and others will be over in a few seconds.

1. Don't teach the lesson. The sermon was just preached. Just ask the questions and let everyone else talk.
2. Let other people ask questions. It's OK to go "off topic" for a while. Sometimes those conversations are more interesting anyway!
3. Have fun. Don't forget to laugh and crack up. Relationships, not curriculum, are the heartbeat of our ministry. Remember: We have to build a relational bridge strong enough to hold the truth!

Agenda for Group Time

1. Ice Breaker - Lighthearted ice breaker question (10 minutes)
2. Discussion - Bible study, sharing and application. (25 Minutes)
3. Prayer - Pray together (5 minutes)
4. Planning - Remember to talk about what's coming up.

Icebreaker

Question: Who is someone you admire because they have overcome a disability?

Where in your life do you feel like you're walking in the dark—unsure, unclear, or confused?"

- ☐ Finances
- ☐ Future
- ☐ Relationships
- ☐ Where to go out to eat at lunch
- ☐ Why can't the Cowboys win another Super Bowl?
- ☐ Other: _____

Read John 9

Question: How did the disciples view the blind man?

- ☐ As a religious problem
- ☐ As a beggar
- ☐ As a sinner
- ☐ As the result of someone else's sin
- ☐ As someone in need
- ☐ Other: _____

Why do you think Jesus chose to heal a man who had been *blind from birth*? What significance does that hold?

What does Jesus mean when He says in verse 5, "*I am the light of the world*"? How does this connect with the miracle He performs?

Seeing in the Dark

Who in the story responds with skepticism or disbelief? Why do you think it was so hard for them to “see” what was really happening?

In what ways do we focus more on the “how” than the “who” behind the miracles or blessings in our lives?

Question: Why did some of the Pharisees take a stand against Jesus?

- ☐ He had violated their Sabbath restrictions
- ☐ He contradicted their concept of the Messiah
- ☐ Because they were “blind”
- ☐ They thought the healing was a fraud
- ☐ They didn’t like his methods
- ☐ They thought Jesus was a Yankee’s fan
- ☐ Other: _____

Question: The people in this story were faced with the question, “Who is Jesus?” Who do you say he is?

- ☐ A prophet
- ☐ The Messiah
- ☐ I’m not sure
- ☐ The Son of God
- ☐ My healer
- ☐ The light of the world
- ☐ Other: _____

Seeing in the Light

The formerly blind man grows in spiritual sight throughout the chapter. What progression do you see in how he speaks about Jesus?

Jesus says in verse 39: *“For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.”* What does this mean?

How can we tell if we are living with spiritual blindness? What are signs of spiritual sight?

Question: How would you rate your spiritual vision right now?

- ☐ 20/20
- ☐ 20/200
- ☐ Legally blind
- ☐ Nearsighted
- ☐ Farsighted
- ☐ A few blind spots
- ☐ Other: _____

Work It Out!

Have you ever realized that you were “blind” in some area of your life before Jesus opened your eyes? What was that like?

In what ways can pride or self-sufficiency keep us from seeing Jesus clearly?

How can we cultivate humility and spiritual awareness in our daily lives?

Reflection Exercise

Read verse 25 aloud together:

“One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.”

Invite each person to fill in the blank:

“One thing I do know, _____.”

One thing I’ll do differently because of this sermon:
