

## BE VULNERABLE

**#6** Part of the Pharisees' blindness came from their knowledge—they were so sure they knew how God **should** act that they missed how God **was** acting. Have you ever experienced this for yourself, or watched someone else get stuck in a space like it?

What was the result of that experience? How did you get through it?

**#7** If you were to admit that there is one area of "blindness" in your life right now (a relationship, a habit, a fear, etc.), what is one practical step you can take this week to "wash in the pool"—to obey a simple command of Jesus even if you don't see the full outcome yet?

## PRAYER REQUESTS

(Commit to pray for at least 3 prayer requests from your Life Group)

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# A YEAR WITH JESUS

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## MIRACLES: SIGHT TO THE BLIND

John 9

### **Big Idea:**

Jesus gives ***physical*** and ***spiritual*** sight to the blind.

### **“As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth”:**

1. We are all ***blind***.
2. ***Jesus*** gives sight.
3. We ***decide*** what to do with it.

### **Conclusion:**

⇒ “One thing I do know. I was ***blind***, but now I ***see!***”

## LIFE GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

For the week of April 19, 2026

### QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

### BE FRIENDLY

**#1** If you got the chance to see one specific event, object, or location (historical or current), what would it be and why?

### BE OPEN

**#2** In John 9, the blind man is the only one who doesn't start the story with a "theological theory" about why he is suffering. Why do you think it's often so important to us to be able to explain **why** something bad has happened?

**#3** The man's parents were more afraid of being "put out" of their social circle than they were excited about their son's miracle. Have you ever had an experience where following what you knew to be right felt socially risky? If you can, share that story with your Life Group.

**#4** The prophet Isaiah spoke of moments like this, and how Israel was failing to uphold the design that God had for them:

**Isaiah 42:6-7, and then 18-20, NIV**

<sup>6</sup>"I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light

for the Gentiles, <sup>7</sup>to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.

<sup>18</sup>"Hear, you deaf; look, you blind, and see! <sup>19</sup>**Who is blind but my servant, and deaf like the messenger I send? Who is blind like the one in covenant with me, blind like the servant of the Lord?** <sup>20</sup>**You have seen many things, but you pay no attention; your ears are open, but you do not listen."**

While clearly true of the Pharisees in this story, this sort of blindness isn't limited to them. What sorts of things cause blindness like theirs, and why is it so easy for us to fall victim to it?

**#5** As Pastor Courtney said in the message, Jesus came to give sight:

**Luke 4:16-21, NIV**

<sup>16</sup>He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup>and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

<sup>18</sup>"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because **he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, <sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."**

<sup>20</sup>Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. <sup>21</sup>He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

In your own life, where have you experienced one or more of the promises that Jesus describes here?

Which of these promises do you feel that you most need from him today?