

RockPointe Church Central Campus Sermon Notes
Pastor Ron Holton “What’s the Purpose?”
Special Needs Sunday, June 29, 2025
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Scripture Passages: John 9:1-4, Psalm 146:7-9, Isaiah 29:18-19, Isaiah 35:4-6, Isaiah 42:16-20,
Luke 4:18-19, 2 Corinthians 4:17-18

WHY?

Because of mankind’s sin and the fact that we live in a broken world, sickness, struggle, suffering and heartache exist and affect every facet of our lives.

That is why Jesus came – to take the curse and penalty of sin upon Himself.

One day He will return and make all things new.

PURPOSE (John 9:1-4)

In John Chapter 8, Jesus declares, “I AM” and they believe He’s blasphemous and they seek to kill Him.

In John Chapter 9, the disciples ask the question, we still ask today.

Jesus didn’t strike him with blindness, but He does take the disability, redeems it and uses it for His purposes.

God did not make the man blind in order to show His glory. God sent Jesus to do works of healing in order to show His glory. (Gary Burge)

We must work the works of Him who sent me. There is a limited time you have on earth... night is coming!

Scriptures Foretelling the Messiah (opening the eyes of the blind)

Psalm 146:7-9

Isaiah 29:18, 35:5, 42:16- 18

Luke 4:18

Four Things You Can Do

Pray

Encourage

Serve

Share

RPC Small Group Leader Sermon Discussion Questions

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Have different people from small group read the verses above aloud, prior to beginning group discussion.

Icebreaker: Have you, a family member, neighbor or friend encountered any long-term health challenges or limitations? How has this positively and negatively impacted your life, or the life of your loved one?

1. What do we learn about the character and nature of God from these scriptures&/or sermon?
2. According to John 9:1, how long had this man been blind? In what ways are we all blind from birth?
3. Jesus notices, stops, and speaks up, making it clear that sin was not the cause of the John 9 man’s blindness. Why is this important to remember? Is sin ever the cause of illness?
4. Even if sin were the cause of someone’s sickness, can God be glorified in and through that consequence? Share other examples from scripture and discuss.
5. God had a purpose for this man’s blindness. What was God’s purpose in this instance? How important is it to find purpose in your suffering? Discuss some ways that God’s purposes can be fulfilled in our personal trials and suffering (2 Corinthians 4:17-18).
6. What is the “night that is coming” mentioned in John 9:4? What work are we, as followers of Christ expected to do while it is still day?
7. We all have hearing issues and/or blind spots that we are not aware of. Why is spending time in the word and walking in humility in community so important for our spiritual growth and health? (Isaiah 42:16-20)
8. Take some time as a small group to pray for our special needs families & community partners: Embrace, Encompass, Young Life Capernaum and Snap and Clap. Consider how your small group can show you care.

For further application and next steps:

1. Re-read Psalm 146:7-9 and pray for a widow, special needs friend, volunteer, staff or family you know and send them an encouraging text, card, gift or meal this week. Let them know you see them and the Lord cares about them too!

For info about RPC Special Needs ministry volunteering, Embrace &/or Encompass events at Central Campus or Parker Square: www.rpc.fm/embrace

For info about Lewisville/Flower Mound Young Life Capernaum [CLICK HERE](#) or email Julia Wooten at lhm.ylcapernaum@gmail.com

For info about Snap and Clap (Special Needs Adult Day Program) visit www.snapandclap.com

2. Re-Read John Chapter 9 this week. Jesus sees the blind man and proves He is the Light by giving light and sight to someone in physical darkness. Prayerfully consider, how can God’s light in your life move you to practically seeing and helping others—what can you do individually? What will you do differently?
3. How can this help us to answer questions when people ask, “why do bad things happen in the world” or “why do good people suffer”? How would you answer these questions?