

**Theme - Spiritual Sight**

**“If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you are saying, ‘we see,’ so your sin remains.”**

(Verse 41) John 9:1-41



- Adults** -
1. As humans, we tend to get caught up in the physical aspect of seeing. Jesus’ encounter with the blind man is about more than the man’s physical blindness. What is Jesus trying to teach us in this encounter with the blind man?
  2. The Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, because he does not keep the Sabbath.” Why do you think Jesus continued his healing ministry even on the Sabbath days?
  3. What kind of blindness have you experienced in your spiritual life? How were you able to recognize and reconcile it?

**Obstacles for living out the Gospel:** Getting caught up in the physical aspects of our lives instead of the spiritual.

- Teens** -
1. At the beginning of the Gospel, the disciples assume the man’s blindness must be caused by sin. How does Jesus respond to the idea that the man or his parents sinned? What does this teach us about how God sees suffering and disability?
  2. The blind man doesn’t fully know who Jesus is at first. How does his understanding of Jesus grow throughout the story? Can you think of a time when your faith or understanding of God grew through an experience rather than just words?
  3. What do you think Jesus means when He says, “I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see”? How can pride or fear make someone spiritually blind?

**Obstacles to living out the Gospel:** Comfort and spiritual indifference can make us believe we already ‘see,’ leaving us closed off to the deeper change Jesus is inviting us into.



- Children** -
1. The opening question of the disciples was, 'Who is to blame?' Since COVID, this is a common question that is asked when something goes wrong. Jesus reminds us that sometimes no one is to blame; he tells us that even difficult situations present an opportunity for us to be drawn into God's presence. How can experiencing something challenging draw you into Christ’s presence more?
  2. The man's blindness is cured, but the blindness of those who won't believe in Jesus remains. How can putting our trust in Jesus help us see more clearly? Why do we need Jesus to see better? Do you think physical sight and spiritual sight are the same? Why or why not?
  3. After the blind man regained his sight, he expresses his faith in Jesus and worships him. How do you react when you notice God working in your life? This week try hard to notice the many gifts Jesus gives you and take time to give him your thanks and praise.

**Obstacles to living out the Gospel:** Not searching for God in our lives. Lack of faith and trust in God.