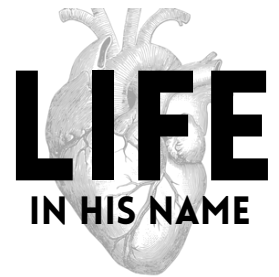


# GROWTH GUIDE

I Was Blind, Now I See | John 9:1-41

Week of 3/10/2024



## SERMON OUTLINE .....

Big Idea: As the light of the world, only Jesus can make the blind see.

- 1) The miracle of healing. John 9:1-7
- 2) The division after the healing. John 9:8-34
- 3) The purpose of the healing. John 9:35-41

## GROUP DISCUSSION .....

1) Looking back at the passage, what stood out to you, was helpful, or challenged you? What questions do you have?

2) In v. 2, the disciples assume that a specific sin of the man or his parents is the cause of his suffering (legalism). What is legalism, and why is it contrary to the gospel? How might you fall into legalism during suffering, and how do you guard against it?

3) Why are the Pharisees unwilling to credit Jesus with the miracle and fail to see it as a work of God? Is there a time in your past when you had a wrong understanding of God or his Word that was corrected? List some ways to ensure you are handling Scripture and the truth of God rightly.

4) The parents are unwilling to credit Jesus with a work of God, but the healed man does. What are they afraid of that their son is not? When are you hesitant to testify to the working of Jesus in light of negative social repercussions that may follow? What can we learn from the undeniable testimony (v. 25) the man continues to give?

5) God's healing work in the man's blindness and suffering produces belief in the man. In what ways has he healed you or worked through suffering in your life? Are you *daily* aware of your need for Jesus? What are some things in your life that might hinder this awareness?

## BREAKOUT DISCUSSION .....

1) The Pharisees seem to be unaware of their blindness and are offended when it is called out. Have you given permission to this group to speak into blindspots in your life? Who else does this in your life and how do you respond?

2) Where or to whom do you need to boldly testify to the work of Jesus in your life?

