



Gospel Community Notes & Questions

Title: The Blind Will See

Text: John 9:1-41

Theme: Jesus came to give vision to the blind and to blind those who only have a vision for their own glory.

Teaching Notes: Jesus heals a man born blind, demonstrating that his condition was not due to sin but so that God's works could be revealed. After Jesus makes mud and instructs the man to wash in the Pool of Siloam, the man gains his sight. This miracle prompts skepticism from the Pharisees, who interrogate the man and his parents. Jesus later finds him, reveals his identity, and discusses spiritual blindness, emphasizing faith and the contrast between true sight and spiritual ignorance.

Outline:

1. A sign of authenticity. (vv. 1-7)

a. The presenting problem.

- Jesus didn't pick someone with a difficult condition to heal; he picked someone with an impossible condition.

b. The divine cure.

2. A stony-hearted response. (vv. 8-34)

a. A hard heart is willfully ignorant and blind to the truth.

b. A hard heart puts rules over redemption.

c. A hard heart loves power and control.

d. A hard heart protects false narratives at all costs.

3. A separation of outcomes. (vv. 35-41)

a. In Jesus, the blind will see and believe.

b. In opposition to Jesus, those who claim to see will neither see nor believe.



Questions to explore individually and with your group:

1. What's something you learned about this story that you didn't know before?
2. What is this particular miracle a sign of? What was Jesus deliberately making falsifiable or verifiable? What does that show you about Jesus?
3. What stands out to you about the Pharisees' response to this miracle?
4. How is it possible for a person to have all the light/truth right in front of them and still be blind and push a false narrative? What are some underlying causes of this kind of willful ignorance?
5. Have you seen a situation like this where someone was excommunicated, barred from fellowship, fired, or canceled, not because they were living in sin or sowing division, but simply because they were exposing the darkness by telling the truth? What were the real reasons that person was silenced?
6. What are some ways blindness is an apt illustration of our condition before salvation?
7. In the sermon it was said that "blindness isn't the problem; it's the pride, the stubbornness, the self-righteousness that refuses to admit we're blind." Discuss. How do you see this statement illustrated in the story? How does it relate to your life in a cautionary way?
8. This story demonstrates that the only person Jesus can't save is . . . (finish the sentence)?
9. How will you live in light of the truth revealed in answer to question #8? What practical difference should that make in your life?
10. What one actionable thing will you do this week in response to this Scripture?

Prayer Prompts:

1. Praise the Lord for being the Light of the world who came to open blind hearts. Thank him for whatever comes to mind as you meditate on this good news.
2. Confess where you still need God's perspective and view of things in your life.
3. Ask God to give you the humility to seek his corrective truth and the courage and compassion to speak his truth into the lives of others.