

SERMON QUESTIONS

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INTRODUCTION

- What is the most remarkable thing you have ever seen with your own eyes?
- As we turn our hearts to discuss the sermon this week, we will again be looking at John 9. In this story we heard about how Jesus healed a blind man. For the first time in his life, the blind man could see. What is one thing you can say that Jesus has allowed you to “see” right now that you couldn’t “see” a year ago?
- Take a moment to thank the Lord for the insight that he has given you over the last year.

INTO THE BIBLE

Read John 9:1-41 (Chris Payne read from the Message on Sunday; it might be helpful if you can read it in two different versions)

- Chris pointed out that there were four groups of people that were involved in this story. Let’s take a minute to dig in a little deeper into these four audiences: The Neighbors, The Pharisees, The Parents and the Blind Man
 - Let’s compare and contrast each of these groups and their interaction with this story. (Look back at our text and see what answers you can come up with.)
 - What did each group observe about Jesus’ healing of the blind man?
 - How did each group respond?
 - What did they miss about the healing of the blind man?
- What do you observe about the process the Pharisees took to investigate the healing?

BRINGING UNDERSTANDING

- Why do you think Jesus began talking about being the “light of the world” when his disciples asked him about the blind man?
 - What do you think Jesus meant by this statement?
- Identify some of the truths and false beliefs that each group might have believed.
 - How might these truths/false beliefs have affected the way they responded to the situation?
- What might be the reasons why Jesus “found” the man after the Pharisees cast him out?
- Chris mentioned, “Don’t let the ‘how’ get in the way of the wow.” In what ways did the neighbors miss the “wow” of the miracle Jesus performed?
- What are some things we can learn about Jesus by seeing the way he interacted with the people in this story?

APPLICATION

- What spiritual clarity has God given you during this unusual time in our history? What can you “see” in the midst of the difficulties around you?
- What insights and truths can you believe from this passage that might help you to be a light to the darkness around you?
- Chris stated that Jesus is the “who” to our what, where, how, and why questions. Identify an area of your life where you are turning to other things for answers.
- Stop and pray. Ask the Lord to work in the areas of your heart in which you are struggling to believe and walk toward Jesus.

FOR FAMILY DISCUSSION

- What do we learn about Jesus from this story?
- What do you observe about the blind man after Jesus heals him?
- Jesus said he is the Light of the World. What do you think that means?
- What can we do right now to be light to our neighbors and friends?