



Seeing Men Blind

John 9:13-41

The Gospel of John is so wonderful because John paints, time and time again, such a clear picture of who Jesus is. In particular, John wants the reader to unmistakably and undeniably know that Jesus is not just someone who was sent from God as a great prophet or teacher or upstanding moral person or something like that, but that Jesus is very God who came from heaven, in human flesh, to dwell among humanity that He created in order to not only tell us, but to show us, how to have eternal life, which is found in HIM.

SERMON SUMMARY

Last week's text points to *the work of God* that He alone is able to accomplish in any person who is living in darkness - spiritually blind. John is not only presenting Jesus as a physical healer of blindness but he is showing us this story to talk to us about spiritual blindness and spiritual sight. It is a story that makes us reflect on our own encounter with Jesus and of those people who helped us see Him clearly. This week we are going to spend time assessing ourselves, and the second half of John 9 is going to help us look at the signs that point to spiritual blindness and the signs that point to spiritual eyesight

What big takeaway - Truth from the Word - stood out to you from Sunday's sermon?

I: SIGNS THAT POINT TO SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS ...

1. In what ways do the Pharisees show that they are spiritually blind, even while they see? What can we see in the text that helps us identify the nature of spiritual blindness?



2. ... *You are Dogmatic* - you no longer question your own unbiblical ideas. What do you do when something challenges your worldview? Do you have a Biblical worldview? In what way do the blind man's parents suppress the truth that they know? What should you do when something so dramatic happens that it shakes your preconceived ideas?
3. Read Act 17:10-12 - What did the Jews of Berea do when Paul & Silas began to present Jesus as the Messiah to them? How does the Blind Man show profession in his spiritual vision?
4. ... *You can't see the point*. You know you are blind when you can't see the evidences of God's grace, that happen around us everyday. Read 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 - Where does spiritual blindness come from? What does it mean to be spiritually blind?
5. ... Being a prideful *know-it-all*. The Pharisees were full of pride. They were "know-it-alls". Notice how the Pharisees have an attitude of superiority and they believe that they are the keepers of knowledge read v.24, v.29, v.40. What was Jesus response to them (v. 41) Who are the foolish?

II: SIGN THAT YOU HAVE SPIRITUAL EYESIGHT ...

1. ... *You stand on Conversion*. What posture do the Pharisees take compared to the Blind Man? What can we learn from the Blind Man's posture, looking at v.24 - 25?
2. Read Ephesians 1:15-19 - What does Paul's prayer teach us to pray for as followers of Jesus? How will this kind of prayer change our posture and cure our spiritual blindness?
3. ... *You grow in conviction*. You know you have spiritual eyesight if you stand on what you know truly. Look at v.24-25 again. "One thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see." Can you share a time when you were "blind" but as you turned your life over to Christ you can now "see" things differently or more clearly?
4. ... *You see the real Christ*. Take time to read 2 Peter 1:5-9 and John 20:30-31 - How does Jesus show that he is a good shepherd for his sheep? What are the evidences around you that help you see that Jesus is glorious and wonderful and beautiful, and that he is worthy to be worshipped?

III: APPLICATION

1. What are some practical ways you can see Jesus more clearly and grow in faith?
2. Is it possible to be a follower of Jesus and still have blind spots? What are some areas of your life where it is more tempting to go back to living in darkness?
3. What might you need to confess and repent of that will clear up your spiritual blindness?



4. What does it look like to live a lifestyle of worship?

CONCLUSION

John has one goal in his mind. He wants us to see Jesus for who he really is. This is John's overarching purpose through this entire book. (John 20:30-31) John wants us to see Jesus, that he is God's son, so that we may believe in him and have life in his name. He wants us to see that Jesus is so glorious and wonderful and beautiful that he is worthy to be worshipped.

SHARE & PRAY

- Pray in response to the things you discussed in this study.
- Pray that God would reveal in each of us our spiritual blindness. Pray that we may have the courage to confess our pride and humbly lay it all at the foot of the cross.
- Pray for your family and friends who are spiritually blind and need Jesus in their lives. Ask that the Holy Spirit would open their eyes.
- Spend time thanking God for specific evidences of His grace in your lives, giving glory to Him.
- Conclude by spending some time praying for one another, the growth in grace you want to experience, the parts of your life you may need healing over, and the needs among you.

