

I AM

The Light of the World

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- the _____ (vv. 13-34)

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The Great Reversal (John 9:35-41)

The only true blindness is _____ to acknowledge your need for Jesus.

Light Dawning

Jesus is a...

(v. 11)

(v. 17)

(v. 33)

(v. 38)

"There is enough light for those who want to believe and enough darkness for those of a contrary disposition."

Pascal, *Pensees*

There is none more blind than the one who refuses to see.

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Questions based on sermon on March 17, 2024

Getting to Know Me

1. Last week we talked about keeping our eyes open for glimpses of God's glory. Share a glimpse of glory you caught this past week.
2. What is a song that fits your spiritual life right now? (Ex: "Sounds of Silence," "Hallelujah Chorus," "Living on a Prayer" or ???)

Digging Deeper

3. What new insight or information did you learn from hearing Pastor Phil's sermon? What point most resonated with you?
4. Read John 9:1-4. How did the disciples view this man and how did Jesus view this man? What impact do you think the attitudes of the disciples, even though they didn't mean to do harm, would have had on the blind man? What parallels do you see in the attitudes of Christians today?
5. When was a time that you struggled to understand why suffering happens or its connection to sin?
6. Read John 9:5 and John 8:12. Brainstorm what it means to you and our world that Jesus is "*the light of the world.*"
7. In Matthew 5:14-16, Jesus says that "*You are the light of the world.*" How can *Jesus* claim to be the light of the world and then say that *we* are the light of the world?

8. What significance do you see in Jesus creating mud and sending the man to the Pool of Siloam (meaning *sent*)? How does this blind man's illumination of faith motivate you in your faith?
9. Read John 9:13-34. Make a list of the character qualities you see in the Pharisees here and elsewhere in the gospels. Then, make a list of character qualities of Jesus.

Pharisees _____

Jesus _____

Which traits do you see (or want to see) in yourself?

Making it Personal

10. How has the mercy, grace and forgiveness of Jesus changed your story? Or how has the light of the world illumined your darkness?
11. Paraphrase the blind man's proclamation to fit your story: "I once was _____ but now I _____" and share why you chose these adjectives.
12. What area of darkness do you need Jesus' light to shine into in this season of your life (brokenness in our world, big decisions, sin struggles, a certain relationship...)?

Prayer

God, please develop in us your love for people. Show us how to give grace and mercy even to those we disagree with. Help us be the light of the world, reflecting you – the true Light of the World.

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