

SERMON OUTLINE John 9:1-41

Giving Sight to the Blind - Part 1

INTRODUCTION

THE HEALING (1-7)

THE RESPONSES (8-34)

The Man

The Neighbors

The Parents

The Pharisees

THE EXPLANATION (35-41)

CONCLUSION

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

MAIN POINT

The big idea of all of this is that Jesus gave physical sight to the blind man in order to glorify God and prove that He has the power to give spiritual sight to the spiritually blind. And the main takeaway for us is to pray earnestly for God to grant sight to those who do not yet believe in Jesus and increase the clarity of vision of those who do.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. Which of Jesus' miracles seems most miraculous to you and why? Where does this healing of the blind man rank and why?
3. Can you think of any specific, explicit places in the Bible where God tells us that some physical reality exists to point to a greater spiritual reality? How would you explain the significance of that to a non-Christian or a new Christian?
4. What difference does it make that the man was born blind? Does that say anything about other life-long struggles we face?
5. What do you make of the means by which Jesus brought about the man's healing (spit, dirt, and water)?
6. Why do you think John records so little about the man who was healed? Would you want your name mentioned if it were you?
7. Before working through how the man did respond, Pastor Dave talked about how he should have responded. Can you think of anything to add to what he said?
8. What do you make of the man's response? How do you think you'd respond similarly? Differently?
9. Are there times when it is good/right to be snarky or sarcastic with those who oppose God? When?
10. In what way/s did the sermon help you see the greatness of God?

AREAS OF APPLICATION

11. Ask one godly person who knows you well how you might better honor Jesus.
12. Carefully consider your response to Jesus. Where you find ways that are less than faithful, confess them and ask God to help.
13. Look for a way to imitate the man's simple, straightforward, courageous response at some point this week.
14. Ask Jesus to heal one person you know is sick and ask Him to give spiritual sight to one person you know who doesn't believe.
15. Commit to a Bible reading plan that will help you read the entire Bible and ask someone to join you.
16. Pray for and share the good news of Jesus with one non-Christian this week that they might not die in their sin.
17. Ask two different people in your family or DG (1) One thing they got from this sermon, and (2) How you can pray for them.
18. Ask God to show you one specific thing you ought to do differently as a result of this text or sermon? Share that and pray about it with someone in your DG. Continue praying for and checking in with each other until you've both done it.

PRAYER POINTS

19. Adoration. Praise God for being sovereign over everything—every sickness, ailment, disability, and depth of sin. Praise God for
20. Confess. Praise God for being merciful. Praise God for being the light of the world. Praise God for being healer.
21. Thanksgiving. Thank God for opening your eyes. Recall any healing work God has done in your life and thank Him for it. Thank God for the help this passage is. Thank God for a church that prays for the physically and spiritually sick.
22. Supplication. Ask God to heal someone you know who is sick and open the eyes of the heart of someone you know who is spiritually blind. Ask God to help us help one another to follow Jesus in all we do. Ask God to help our church take God's word seriously. Ask God to fill us with faith. Ask God to give us wisdom to know what it looks like to follow Jesus in every way.