

Light & Life - The Book Of John
"Eye-Opening Faith" John 9:1-41
Cornerstone Church Of Poway
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Sermon Teaching

Eye-Opening Faith:

1. Trust God's Providence Over Our Situation

¹ As he went along, he saw a man **blind from birth**. ² His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, **who sinned**, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³ "**Neither** this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "**but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life**." ⁴ As long as it is day, we must **do the work of Him who sent me**. Night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵ **While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.**" **John 9:1-5 (NIV)**

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." **Romans 8:28 (NIV)**

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. ¹⁰ That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

2 Corinthians 12:8-10 (NIV)

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the **God of all comfort**, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God." **2 Cor. 1:3-4 (NIV)**

2. Put Feet To Our Faith

⁶ Having said this, he **spit** on the ground, **made some mud with the saliva**, and put it on the man's eyes. ⁷ "**Go**," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means Sent). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing. ⁸ His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, "**Isn't this the same man** who used to sit and beg?" ⁹ Some claimed that he was. Others said, "No, he only looks like him." But he himself insisted, "**I am the man**." ¹⁰ "**How then were your eyes opened?**" they demanded. ¹¹ He replied, "**The man they call Jesus** made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see." ¹² "Where is this man?" they asked him. "I don't know," he said. **John 9:6-12 (NIV)**

¹³ They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. ¹⁴ Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man's eyes was a **Sabbath**. ¹⁵ Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. "**He put mud on my eyes**," the man replied, "**and I washed, and now I see**." ¹⁶ Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for *he does not keep the Sabbath*." But others asked, "How can a sinner do such miraculous signs?" So they were **divided**. ¹⁷ Finally they turned again to the blind man, "What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened." The man replied, "He

is a prophet." ¹⁸ *The Jews still did not believe* that he had been blind and had received his sight *until they sent for the man's parents.* ¹⁹ "Is this your son?" they asked. **"Is this the one you say was born blind? How is it that now he can see?"** ²⁰ "We know he is our son," the parents answered, "and we know he was born blind. ²¹ But how he can see now, or who opened his eyes, we don't know. **Ask him. He is of age;** he will speak for himself." ²² His parents said this **because they were afraid** of the Jews, for already the Jews **had decided that anyone who acknowledged that Jesus was the Christ would be put out of the synagogue.** ²³ That was why his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."
John 9:13-23 (NIV)

3. Share Our Story Of Jesus

"I pray that you may be **active in sharing** your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ." **Philemon 1:6 (NIV)**

²⁴ A **second time** they summoned the man who had been blind. "Give glory to God," they said. "We know this man is a sinner." ²⁵ He replied, "Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. **One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!"** ²⁶ Then they asked him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" ²⁷ He answered, **"I have told you already and you did not listen.** Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?" ²⁸ Then they **hurled insults at him** and said, "You are this fellow's disciple! We are disciples of Moses! ²⁹ We know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this fellow, **we don't even know where he comes from.**" ³⁰ The man answered, **"Now that is remarkable! You don't know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes.** ³¹ We know that **God does not listen to sinners.** He listens to the godly man who does his will. ³² **Nobody has ever heard of opening the eyes of a man born blind.** ³³ If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." ³⁴ To this they replied, "You were **steeped in sin at birth;** how dare you lecture us!" And they threw him out.
John 9:24-34 (NIV)

³⁵ Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, **"Do you believe in the Son of Man?"** ³⁶ "Who is he, sir?" the man asked. "Tell me so that I may believe in him." ³⁷ Jesus said, **"You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you."** ³⁸ Then the man said, **"Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him.** ³⁹ Jesus said, "For **judgment** I have come into this world, so that the **blind will see and those who see will become blind.**" ⁴⁰ Some Pharisees who were with him heard him say this and asked, "What? Are we blind too?" ⁴¹ Jesus said, "If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you claim you can see, **your guilt remains.**"
John 9:35-41 (NIV)

- What suffering, sickness, or difficulties might God be allowing in my life to accomplish or achieve His purpose?

My next right step, I will:

- [] Trust God's care and control over my situation.
- [] Step out in faith where God is leading.
- [] Follow Jesus in Believer's Baptism.

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Small Group Leader: Choose how many questions that will honor your time commitment. Encourage everyone to participate in either a question, reading or prayer. [If using this as a family, choose 2 -3 questions to go deeper in faith.]

Big Idea:

To know Who Jesus is and to place our confident trust in Him as our Lord & Savior.

Open in Prayer.

Icebreaker: Describe an adventure you had with mud when you were a kid?

Eye-Opening Faith:

1. Trust God’s Providence Over Our Situation

Read John 9:1-5

What idea lies behind the disciple’s question?

What does Jesus’ answer reveal about the man’s suffering?

What is the difference between consequences of someone’s sin and God’s judgment?

How does living in a broken and fallen world affect suffering?

What physical or emotional misfortune in your life has turned into an opportunity for God to demonstrate His power?

Read Romans 8:28

What do you learn about God’s filter in your life?

Read 2 Corinthians 12:8-10

Why didn’t God heal Paul?

What did his suffering bring?

Read 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

How can we use our pain?

2. Put Feet To Our Faith

Read John 9:6-12

What steps of obedience did this man need to do before he was healed?

Why did people have a hard time believing he was the same man?

Why did some believe and others not?

What evidence was brought forth to prove this was the man who was born blind?

Why were his parents afraid to answer the Pharisees questions? v.22

3. Share Our Story Of Jesus

Read Philemon 1:6

What benefit do we receive when we share our faith?

Read John 9:24-34

How did the Pharisees try to intimidate the man? vv.24, 28, 34

How did some of the Pharisees respond to the man's testimony? Why?

How difficult of a decision was it for the man to speak up for Jesus?

What did this man suffer for sharing about Jesus? v.34

When Jesus revealed himself to this man again, how did he respond? v.38

What spiritual truth did Jesus speak to the religious leaders?

What suffering, sickness, or difficulties might God be allowing in my life to accomplish or achieve His purpose?

Close in Prayer.