

John 9:1-11

¹ As [Jesus] 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 works of God might be displayed in his life. ⁴ As long as it is day, we must do the works 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."

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."

Thoughts and truths:

The man is blind, not deaf!

The man is not expecting a miracle

Tough truth: At times, God uses brokenness to glorify himself (vs. 3)

God requires a step of faith and leaves some things to us (vs. 7)

We must go to the place where God sends us (vs. 7)

A new definition of a **Christian**:

A person covered in God spit, going where God has sent them

This is what spiritual blindness looks like:

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. – *John 9:16*

Religious people are:

- 1) Fixated on the sin and forget the person
- 2) Offended by authentic spiritual sight (vs. 12-34)

A Moment of Salvation

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. — *John 9:35-38*

More than just restoring the man's physical sight, Jesus restores his soul, faith and hope.

The Cringe Moment

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 9:39-41*

Next Steps

The blind man never expected the miracle of healing, but Jesus healed him anyway to display the works of God in his life. Is there an area of your life where you've abandoned all expectation of healing or change? Is it possible that Jesus might want display the works of God in that area? Take some time this week to pray and ask God about this possibility.

Small Group Questions



- 1) What is your normal response to people who are begging for charity?
 - a. Ignore them
 - b. Give them my spare change
 - c. Pray for them
 - d. Always stop and talk
 - e. Other
- 2) Have you ever felt invisible? Where? What made you feel that way?
- 3) Do you have a miracle you are asking God for? What is it?
- 4) Are there any faith steps you need to take in participating in your own miracle? What are they?
- 5) Do you have any sense that God is sending you somewhere? Where?
- 6) How can we pray for you tonight?