

Good Morning Church Family – Journey Through John

Read John 9:18-34

Devo Thought: I wanted to home in and focus on a particular phrase in this long passage today. As the Pharisees are questioning the man born blind again, they are trying to convince the man that Jesus is a sinner. They say to him, “Give glory to God.” What happens after this is somewhat comical because the man does exactly what they wanted him to do, but the result isn’t what they hoped for. The man born blind proceeds to say, “Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” The Pharisees were hoping the man would give glory to God by denying, and instead, he gave glory to God by glorifying Jesus. This is, in fact, what we see happen for the rest of the passage (and, in truth, the rest of the Bible). Here’s the thing: everyone who has ever lived will give glory to Jesus. This is what Paul says in Philippians 2:10-11: “at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” Every knee will bow, every tongue will confess. Every person will do this, willingly or unwillingly. This is the ultimate destiny of every human person. Will we be like the man born blind, who was willing to stand up and confess that Jesus had done a great thing for him, or will we be like the Pharisees, who try to deny him? The man born blind gave glory to God; the Pharisees did not. Let us be a people who give glory to God the Father through Jesus Christ his Son.

Let us pray to ask God to help us glorify Him by glorifying Jesus in all that we think, do, and say