

— GOD OF — MIRACLES

Week 7: Born Blind

Today's Passage: John 9:1-38 (Pages 1525-1527)

What does living as though Jesus is _____
look like in the place of your _____ challenge?

For Further Personal Reflection & Group Discussion:

What questions have arisen for you through this journey (be sure to text them to 262-302-3021)?

Read John 9:1-41.

- Why do you think it's significant that the "wise" and "understanding" religious leaders in the text were blind to Jesus and his kingdom, while the physically blind man chose worship of Jesus as God and King?
- What are some symptoms we might be convinced we know what's true, but are actually blind to truth? What are some ways to avoid this?
- In the story, the man born blind loses all the things that give him a sense of place and purpose in the world (vocation, family, and worship community), but there is a sense that Jesus is worth all of that.
 - What is challenging for you in this?
 - What is hopeful for you here?
- How might living with our identity rooted in Jesus (after we've lived for a long time with our identity in our ideology, community, or sense of purpose) make us feel disoriented or frustrated? How do you think we can find stability?

How did you answer the question at the top of this page? Share that with someone who can pray with and for you as you take next steps this week.

How to begin a new life in Christ

Jesus has already done everything necessary for us to have new life and freedom in him! We can choose to respond to this by:

- 1) Acknowledging we (like everyone else!) need new life in Jesus.
- 2) Asking God to forgive our sins by the work of Jesus.
- 3) Receiving new life from God by trusting in Jesus as the one who frees us (as Savior) and leads us (as Lord).

You can do that now by simply talking to God in a prayer like this:

Jesus, I have been lost in deep darkness and need you to rescue me. I have done things I need your forgiveness for; I have lived in separation from you and need you to reconcile us. You died and rose from the dead, so I know you can do this in my life. I receive you as my rescuing savior and put my faith in you as my Lord.

Help me to live for you in the light from this day forward. In your name, amen.

**If you chose to follow Jesus today, text "JESUS" to 262-302-3021.
We'll send you some exciting next steps and celebrate with you!**

Unless otherwise noted, today's Scripture is from the New International Version [NIV]
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Did today's message spark a question for you?
Share it with us by texting "Question" to 262-302-3021.
Your input can help us shape future conversations!