

The Gospel in Action (17)

Blurred Vision

Mark 8:10-30

Intro: My Old Glasses

- I. **Blind Pharisees (v. 10-13)**

- II. **Disciples with Unseeing Eyes (v. 14-21)**

- III. **A Strange Miracle (v. 22-26)**

- IV. **The Blind See ... But Not Perfectly (v. 27-30)**

**Conclusion: Your Faith Journey ...
A Progressive Miracle**

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is one specific way that following Jesus has caused your vision to clear in a certain area? How has your life changed as a result?
2. While both the Pharisees and Disciples were "spiritually blind" in some ways, there was one major difference between them. The Pharisees walked away from Jesus... the Disciples got in the boat with Him. The key to changing our vision is following Jesus. When was a time where you were having trouble seeing what God was doing... but you continued to follow Jesus anyway? What did God show you through that experience?
3. The very proximity of the disciples to Jesus has caused them to lose sight of who Jesus is. He just fed the 5000 and the 4000, yet the disciples are worried that they only have one loaf of bread! If you've grown up in the church (in close proximity to the idea of Jesus), talk about how that presents a similar threat to your faith if you're not careful.
4. The "progressive miracle" where Jesus healed the blind man in stages points to the "progressive miracle" He is working in the vision of His disciples. As they continue to follow Him, they will see more clearly and understand the mission. How has your own faith journey been a "progressive miracle"? In what ways, if any, is the book of Mark clarifying your vision in the area of discipleship and disciple making?