

Open It!

What games require us to be blindfolded? What's it like to navigate a game in darkness, without the ability to see?

Read It!

Read John 8:12-20; and 9:1-41.

Discuss It!

How did the disciples view this man's blindness (9:1-2)?

What did Jesus have to say about this man's blindness (9:3)?

What wrong assumptions might we make about people with disabilities?

How do the Pharisees demonstrate their "spiritual blindness" in questioning the man born blind and his parents (9:13-34)?

What has been hard for you to believe about Jesus?

How are we all spiritually blind from birth (9:35-41; 2 Cor 4:3-6)? How are we given spiritual sight?

How does this account help us understand Jesus' declaration, "I am the light of the world" (9:4)?

What testimony did the blind man have (9:25, 30-33)?

What is your testimony? How did God open your eyes? What people, events, and Scripture did God use to bring you to a saving knowledge of Christ?

Live It!

Write down your story. Put in words how God has opened your eyes to see Jesus, the one who saves us from our sin.

Pray for those who are spiritually blind (2 Cor. 4:3-6 and 1 Tim. 2:1-4).

Advent. Light Dispelling Darkness

The Light of the World

John 7:2-14 and 8:12-20

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Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

John 8:12 (ESV)

Introduction. Understanding the Context

The Temple Treasury (8:20)

The Feast of Tabernacles (7:14)

The Illumination of the Temple (8:12)

Sermon Question

What am I to do with Jesus?

Consider What Jesus Claims about Himself

I am the light of the world.

John 8:12a (ESV)

Consider What It Means to Reject these Claims

They said to him therefore, "Where is your Father?" Jesus answered, "You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also."

John 8:19 (ESV)

Consider What Jesus States about Following Him

Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

John 8:12b (ESV)

Whoever follows me...

will not Walk in Darkness,

but will have the light of life.

The Example of the Man Born Blind (John 9:1-41)

The Example of Saul of Tarsus (Acts 9:1-19; 26:12-18)

Conclusion

What am I to do with Jesus?

A Seekers Prayer

Lord Jesus, You claim to give be the light of the world and give light and life to those who follow you and sight to the spiritually blind. Help me to be unhindered by doubts in following you, even as I consider the reasons for doing so. Open my eyes to the truth of who You are. Give me an understanding of You that is coherent and compelling, and that leads to the life that You promise. Amen.