SEEING IS BELIEVING



## JOHN 9

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Summer Opportunities to Connect:

Churchwide Pool Party - August 20th - Free Admission...Free Pizza...BYO Drinks! Mosaic @ The Ballpark - September 3rd - Tickets on sale now!

## RELATIONAL CONNECT & CHECK-IN

What's one thing you can celebrate with the group today? How was your time with the Lord this past week? What are you hoping to get out of today's study?

# GROUP DISCUSSION

#### - READ John 9:1-7 -

**1. In what ways does sin cause pain and suffering in this world?** (When sin entered the world, pain and suffering followed. Sin is the reason that sickness and death exist, but a specific sin in our life is not always the reason for our pain and suffering. A lot of pain is just a fact of living in a broken world. Other times it is someone else's sin, and we are collateral damage.)

2. How have you experienced pain and suffering throughout your life? Has God shown you a purpose for this pain? (Everyone has experienced pain and suffering. We would all do well to trust God and lean into Jesus while we're going through it. On the other side we must reflect on that time to see how God was working all things together for good, so that we might glorify Him through that pain!)

3. How is God glorified in this man's pain? Have you experienced God being glorified through your pain? (When we find ourselves in pain: 1. Jesus sees us. 2. We may never understand the cause, but,
3. God always has a purpose for our pain. Sometimes the purpose is to heal, sometimes to sustain, but it is ALWAYS that we might know him more deeply.)

#### - READ John 9:8-23 -

**4.** As Jesus followers we can sometimes experience opposition to our faith. After the blind man's eyes are opened, what types of opposition does he face and why? (Opposition came from his neighbors who had doubt, from the Pharisees who were stuck in their own pride, and from his parents who didn't necessarily oppose their son, but also demonstrated fear in the repercussions from others.)

#### - READ John 9:24-41 -

5. Who needs to hear the story of your salvation and why? (Answers may vary.)

6. What is the biggest obstacle to you sharing your story? (Answers may vary. No matter the obstacle you face, the story of the blind man is a reminder that we don't have to have all our theology together first. Jesus wants us to share what we know... "I was blind. I met Jesus. Now I see.")

As disciples seeking to deepen our relationship with Jesus, we don't have to have all the answers. But, just like the blind man, we all have a story that is meant to be shared! Use these questions to help develop your story:

- What was your life like before you surrendered to Jesus?
- What were the circumstances around you meeting Jesus and being saved?
- What do you remember about the moment you first believed (aka. you were blind but then you could see)?

SERMON OUTLINE

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July 30th, 2023 -

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"Sunday Plus" One Pager: mosaicil.com/groups

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God still has a	for it!

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in the Miracle Worker even w	when you can't
understand the	!

\_\_\_\_\_ is Jesus to \_\_\_\_\_?

An encounter with Jesus will \_\_\_\_\_ you to stand for the truth...even when you're standing \_\_\_\_\_!

An encounter (relationship) with Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_!

1 Corinthians 1:27