

Session 11

Come and See: From Darkness into Light – John 9:1-41

This purpose of this time is to help us see how God brings truth into the lives of people we care about and also to help us identify areas of blindness in our own lives.

1. Watch the Book of John video that covers John 9:1-41.
2. Watch the intro video by Paul.
3. Jesus gives the disciples an answer when they ask “who sinned?” in the case of the blind man. How does Jesus answer in John 9:3-4 help us when we are going through difficulties? According to James 1:2-8, what does suffering accomplish in our lives? How does our suffering allow us to “display the work of God”?
4. Smearing a mixture of spit and mud into a disabled man’s eyes hardly seems loving. Why do you think Jesus did this? (Hint: There is no clue in the Bible about “why”)
5. In John 9:13-34, what are the symptoms of blindness in the Pharisees? Why is it so hard to recognize our own blindness or change our beliefs when presented with overwhelming evidence?
6. John 9:25: This is this man’s faith story. No one can take it away from him. What is your “I was blind, but now I see story”? To whom would you like to tell this story. What are you going to do to have that happen?
7. Read John 9:39. What does the blind seeing and the seeing made blind have to do with judgment?
8. Read John 9:41: Why does having sight make the Pharisees guilty, whereas if they were blind they wouldn’t be guilty? What does this mean for us in the 21st century?
9. How do we help our children have spiritual sight?
10. Pray together.