

Are you wondering what it means to be a Christian?

Jesus said, "All that the Father gives me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will never drive away" (John 6:37). Jesus also said, "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day" (John 6:44).

If you are feeling drawn to Christ, it is because God the Father is drawing you; it is not a desire we can or will create within ourselves. This also means that there is no sin too great to be forgiven, and no past too sinful to be overcome. You can trust Christ to receive you because it is God the Father who is drawing you to find true repentance and receive the gift of faith. You can know a new life in Jesus Christ.

We would love to talk and pray with you about this or any other spiritual needs you may have. Please see Pastor Mark or one of our elders after today's service to do so.

Are you interested in Baptism or Church Membership?

Please indicate your interest on the back of your Connection Card and Pastor Mark or one of the elders will be in touch with you this week to set up a time to meet with you.

A BLIND MAN SEES BUT THE SEEING ARE BLIND

John 9:1-41

Main Thought: In John 9:1-41, we discover that Jesus came to give sight to the spiritually blind, but also to bring those who think they see without Him to judgment.

1. JESUS _____ A MAN BORN BLIND. (vv 1-34)

- 1) This is the sixth _____ of Jesus in John.
- 2) The question of _____.
- 3) The _____ of the man born blind.
- 4) The Pharisees _____.
- 5) The parents are _____.
- 6) The witness is recalled, rebuked, and _____.

2. JESUS CAME TO GIVE _____ TO THE SPIRITUALLY BLIND. (vv 35-38)

- 1) Jesus takes the initiative by _____ those who are blind.
- 2) Jesus alone has the power to _____ blind eyes.
- 3) To move from _____ blindness to sight, admit that you're blind.
- 4) To move from spiritual blindness to sight, _____ in Jesus for who He is.

3. JESUS CAME TO BRING _____ TO THOSE WHO THINK THEY SEE WITHOUT HIM. (vv 39-41)

- 1) To stay in spiritual blindness, insist that you see on your own and thus have no need for the _____. (1 Pet. 5:5)
- 2) To stay in spiritual blindness, reject the gift of sight that Jesus _____ to you. (v 41)
- 3) The result of rejecting spiritual sight is to be hardened in _____ that culminates in eternal judgment. (Matt. 13:14-15)

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH GROUPS

1. Read John 9:1-41 and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal God's truth to you as you read.

2. What do you learn about God (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) from this passage?

3. What do you learn about human beings/yourself from this passage?

4. What verse meant the most to you? Why?

5. What didn't you understand in the passage? What answers did you find for your questions?

6. What application(s) for your life do you take away from this passage?

Digging deeper:

7. What idea lies behind the disciples' question in verse 1? What does Jesus answer in verses 3-5? What can we learn about suffering from Jesus' answer?

8. What sign/miracle did Jesus perform in this passage? How was it performed? Why do you think Jesus did it that way?

9. How did the blind man's neighbors respond? How did the Pharisees respond? Why? Why were his parents called in?

10. What did the blind man have to say about his healing to the Pharisees? How did the Pharisees ultimately treat him?

11. What did Jesus do when he heard the formerly blind man had been thrown out by the Pharisees? What was the result?

12. What was this sign/miracle by Jesus ultimately meant to point to?

13. How does one receive spiritual sight? Who are the spiritually blind?