

Eyes To See And Ears To Hear

Mark 8:1-26

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2. The Pharisees Were _____

Mark 8:11-13

3. The Disciples Were _____

Mark 8:14-21

Jesus' Power Over Blindness - Mark 8:1-26

4. The Blind Man Was _____

Mark 8:22-26

Memory Verse

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2. The Pharisees Were Rejected

Mark 8:11-13

3. The Disciples Were Challenged

Mark 8:14-21

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Discussion Questions - Week #2

LIFE GROUPS

QUICK REVIEW

Thinking back to the weekend sermon, "Jesus, Power Over Blindness" summarizes the main point in a sentence or two.

Was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

Do you plan on taking any practical steps this week in response to the message?

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

☞ We all have different things we love to do in our spare time. What are your top two or three things you love to do when you have some extra hours in the week to get you refreshed?

☞ In the message this weekend, Pastor Rick shared the story of the feeding of the 4,000, a giant meal that left the people satisfied. What's the most satisfying meal you've had recently?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read 2 Kings 6:8-20. What stands out to you in this passage?

Why do you think Elisha could see what his servant could not?

How did Elisha's capacity for spiritual sight impact his attitude and actions?

For most of us, spiritual sight probably does not entail seeing an angel army and flaming chariots on a regular basis. What do you think spiritual sight does entail?

Are there any practices or habits we can cultivate to become people who see with greater spiritual clarity?

2. In John 9, we read the story of a man born blind and miraculously healed by Jesus. Rather than an occasion to praise God, the Pharisees saw this as an opportunity to further their campaign against Jesus. Read John 9:1-7 & 24-41. What do you think it was like for the man to receive his sight for the first time?

What do you think Jesus meant by calling himself the light of the world in verse 5?

What is ironic about the Pharisee's statement in verse 24?

What do you think is the cause of the Pharisee's spiritual blindness?

Do you think it's possible to experience spiritual blindness as a Christian?

If so, how can we avoid it?

FOR PRACTICE

In Ephesians 1:15-23 Paul tells the Ephesians of his consistent prayer for them, including verses 18-19b: "I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe." Write this passage on a note card, and set aside time each day to pray God's Word back to God. Pray it for yourselves, your loved ones, and your Life Group.

SHARE IT

Is there anything you heard or learned in the weekend message or Life Group this week that you want to share with someone you know?

PRAYER REQUESTS

☞ According to the Joshua Project, it is estimated that of the 7.83 billion people alive today, 3.37 billion live in unreached groups with little or no access to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In other words, they are spiritually blind. Pray for Christian missionaries to enter these regions and for the Good News of Jesus to spread, leading to Spirit-led indigenous Christ-followers, leaders, and church plants.