

## A Blind Man who Comes to See Jesus, the Light of the World

1. An \_\_\_\_\_ of need/suffering.
2. An \_\_\_\_\_ with Jesus.
3. A \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ with Jesus.
4. An \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus.
5. A \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus.

### NEXT STEPS:

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Because Jesus is the Light of the World who lights our way in this dark world, this week, find some time to humble yourself before the Lord and seek the light of Jesus in your own life and circumstances. Ask Jesus to illumine areas of pride and spiritual blindness in your life. Remember, "the Lord is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble." (James 4:6)

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**NEXT WEEK:** *I AM the Good Shepherd | John 10:1-21*

# JOHN

## LIFE IN JESUS

Jesus and A Man Born Blind

John 9

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*Who is really blind? What does it mean to see? How do we begin to see? The story of Jesus' healing of a man born blind in John 9 is an opportunity to explore these questions and more.*

**Everyone is \_\_\_\_\_!**

### Those Who Refuse to See Jesus, the Light of the World

- They are too proud to rethink their \_\_\_\_\_.  
(They \_\_\_\_\_ they see.)
- They are too proud to see their own \_\_\_\_\_.  
(They \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ to see.)
- They are too proud to listen to this man's \_\_\_\_\_.  
(They \_\_\_\_\_ to see.)

#### CONNECT *(ask these questions to check-in with your group)*

What are you enjoying now that the rain has passed and spring has sprung? What is a favorite outdoor activity here on the Central Coast?

#### DISCUSS *(use some of these questions to process God's Word together)*

1. Read John 9 together as a group. It might be wise to break it into pieces and involve several readers. How did you "come under" God's Word and the message this week? How did this text/message speak to you?
2. Who are the characters in this story and how is each character blind?
3. How is the Pharisees' refusal to see sharply illustrated across the story? Where do you see their pride?

4. When does the blind man physically see Jesus? When does he spiritually see Jesus? Where do we see his humility?

5. On the outline, examine the 5 steps in the blind man's coming to faith in Jesus. Which of those steps resonate with your own experience?

6. How do we avoid spiritual pride and spiritual pharisaism in our lives?

#### PRAY *(use these prompts to pray in response to God's Word)*

- Use John 9 as a springboard for your prayers together. Humble yourselves before the Lord and with one another in prayer and worship.
- Share and pray for one another's needs.