

THE CURE FOR BLINDNESS

Mark 8:22-30

MAIN IDEAS FROM THIS WEEK

1. WE ARE ALL SPIRITUALLY BLIND
2. WHAT WE ARE BLIND TO
3. HOW SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS CAN BE HEALED

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS – Pick one or two of these to talk about as a group

1. What stood out to you most from this week's message? Why?
2. This week's message was about spiritual blindness. When you look back over your life what are some things that you used to be completely blind to but now you can see? How did God open your eyes?
3. In Mark 8 we see that even the people who were closest to Jesus "had eyes and did not see." This is pointing to the reality that we are all still spiritually blind to some degree. How should this humbling reality impact the way we treat others who don't believe? How should it impact how we approach developing our relationship with the real Jesus?
4. After the first time Jesus touched the blind man in Mark 8, the man could only partially see. It wasn't until Jesus touched him a second time that he saw everything clearly. Do you feel like you are "in between touches" at this point in your life? What aspects about yourself or about God do you wish you saw more clearly?
5. Accepting Jesus as a savior means accepting our own insufficiency. What are some areas of life where you feel pretty self-sufficient? What are some ways you feel insufficient? Is it possible to see the extent of our own insufficiency without falling into depression or self-loathing? If so, how?
6. It was the friends of the blind man who brought Him to Jesus and begged Jesus to heal him. Who brought you to Jesus? Who are you begging for Jesus to save?

A TRUTH TO TAKE WITH YOU: It can be a terrifying thing to ask Jesus to open your eyes because He can show you things you don't want to see. We will only trust Jesus in this when we see how He was willing to endure darkness on our behalf so that we could have sight.