

## Life to the Full

3.13.22 Week 5 - John 9

### John 9 - Spiritual Blindness

*"He replied, 'Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!'" John 9:25*

#### **I. The Physical Healing & New Identity (John 9:1-9)**

- A. Jesus got to know the man before he healed him.
- B. Our identity is wrapped up in what we do, who we are. **What is your identity? What are you defined by?**
- C. The Miracle for this man wasn't necessarily his physical healing, but he was transformed by the power and love of Jesus. How do our lives look different after encountering Jesus?

#### **II. Moving from Man to Prophet (John 9:10-23)**

- A. Jesus, in the eyes of the blind man, was first a man then once questioned again he refers to him as a prophet.
- B. The man is slowly beginning to see Jesus more clearly while the Pharisees shade their eyes in light of who Jesus is.
- C. The man's parents don't want to be ostracized and don't defend their son.

#### **III. Life to the Empty vs. Life to the Full (John 9:24-34)**

- A. *"I was blind, but now I see!"* The man is making a claim that means more than just physical sight. He has counted the cost and has chosen Jesus.
- B. He is confronted directly by Life to the Empty (Pharisees) and sees Life to the Full in his own testimony about what Jesus has done in his life.
- C. How are we living a Pharisee life?

#### **IV. Spiritual Blindness (John 9:35-41)**

- A. Jesus again goes out to find the man to be with him. Performs one last miracle.
- B. The man finally can see who he is in light of Jesus. He understands physical blindness and understands spiritual blindness as well.
- C. Pharisees can't see the fact that they are still spiritually blind.

### **2 Types of Spiritual Blindness in Our World Today**

#### **I. Non-Religious Person**

- A. Self-discovery, personal happiness, and living my truth gives full life.
- B. I will be happy and loved if I can do whatever I want and be whoever I want. God and no one else decides who I am.
- C. Inside our hearts is insecurity, selfishness, anxiety, and fear. We're still Blind.

#### **II. Religious Person**

- A. Knows who Jesus is, knows what life to the full looks like modeled in the person of Jesus. Yet choose to live a life that loves conditionally, is selfish, looks out for themselves, and keeps track of people's wrongs.
- B. Covers up the mess of their life with insecurity, fear, and selfishness.
- C. Jesus can open their eyes, but not *that other* person's eyes. They've done too much wrong.

#### **III. Follower of Christ**

- A. *"I was blind, but now I see".* We know how hopelessly lost we are, yet how we are endlessly loved by Jesus.
- B. We live a life that gives grace first, assumes the best of people, and loves and gives without conditions.
- C. We find life to the full in Jesus and worship Him with our lives.

### **What then is life to the full?**

Life to the full is knowing how blind we are, how lost and gone we are,  
but knowing that Jesus is the only one that can save us and the only one who can open our hearts to see