SERMON SERIES: 52
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Sermon Title:

"Can Jesus Help Me See Clearly?"

Introduction

We continue on through our 52-week series studying the life and ministry of Jesus. This week we ask the question, "Can Jesus help me see clearly?" It is easy to feel like we are lost walking in the darkness of the world around us, but Jesus steps into that darkness and allows us to see. This week we will reflect on the dark parts of our lives in which we still need Jesus' help to see clearly.

Seek the Word

- Read John 9:35-41. Jesus provides sight to the blind man a second time, but this time it is spiritual sight. What other examples throughout the Gospels does Jesus give people spiritual sight?
- In John 9 the blind man is changed in a way that he is unrecognizable to those around him. What other passages in scripture does someone go through a change like that?

Go Deeper

Read Mark 8:22-33. The healing of the blind man at Bethsaida is paralleled with Peter's confession and his rebuke. Peter sees Jesus as the Christ but he does not see the Christ clearly. How does his partial blindness parallel the healing of the blind man?

Talk About It

- Have you ever experienced a significant moment of change or transformation in your life? What impact did it have on you?
- The blind man showed boldness by accepting the unconventional method of healing. Are there times in your life when you've had to step out boldly, even when things seemed unconventional or uncertain?
- Belief plays a crucial role in the story. Share a personal experience where your belief in something or someone led to a profound change in your life.
- Discuss the importance of belonging and identity. How does encountering Jesus provide a sense of value and acceptance? Have you experienced this in your own faith journey?

Wrap Up

Reminder: Meeting Jesus gives us belonging.

Challenge: Spend time this week reflecting on areas where you might still be blind. Encourage one another to take a step of boldness so that you might see clearly.