



## SMALL GROUP CURRICULUM

Sermon: **“The Blind See and the Seeing are Blinded” (Matthew 9:27-34)**

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We are continuing our series in the book of Matthew. Over the last few chapters we’ve seen the full power of Jesus Christ on display. We’ve seen him heal the sick, cast out demons, calm a storm, and last week we even saw him raise a little girl from the dead! He has more authority than the scribes and the Pharisees. And he can do what the law cannot do. He can make the unclean clean. He is sovereign over disease, disaster, demons, and death. In this week’s study, we’ll see that Jesus has the power to give sight to the blind. According to their faith he was able to heal them. We will also see Jesus heal a demon-oppressed man who was mute. As we look at these two stories, we will learn that spiritual blindness is a worse sickness than physical blindness. It is possible to have perfect vision and yet not see things as they truly are. True sight can only come when we truly see Jesus as he really is. He is the Son of David, our messiah King.

What you need for this study: Bible, Notebook, Pen

### Individual Bible Study

1. Please read Matthew 9:27-34 and ensure that you’ve listened to Sunday’s sermon.
  - a. The two blind men that followed Jesus called him the “Son of David” in verse 27. What does this mean? Lookup 2 Samuel 7:12-16 and Matthew 1:6, 17 for more information.
  - b. What is the difference between walking by faith and walking by sight? How were the blind men able to truly see Jesus better than the Pharisees?
  - c. When Jesus asked the blind men if they believed that he was able to heal them in verse 28, how did they respond? How do they address Jesus and why is this significant?
  - d. Jesus told the blind men not to tell anyone about what he did for them. Did they obey this command? Why do you think they were unable to keep the news to themselves?
  - e. Jesus has commanded us to tell others about him and yet many Christians don’t. Why do you think that is? What’s different between these two blind men and many professing Christians who don’t tell others about Jesus?



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- f. In verse 32, a demon-oppressed man is brought to Jesus. What are some things we learn about demon possession in verses 32-33?
- g. After witnessing everything that Jesus did in chapters 7-9 so far, what do the Pharisees conclude in verse 34?
- h. What does the reaction of the Pharisees teach us about spiritual blindness? How does spiritual blindness affect the way someone sees the world and specifically how they see Jesus?

### Group Discussion Questions

1. How did the Holy Spirit speak to you through the sermon and the Bible study this week?
2. How does someone go from spiritual blindness to spiritual sight? What must someone understand and believe in their heart in order to see Jesus clearly?
3. Although the blind men were not able to see physically before Jesus healed them, they were still able to see Jesus for who he really is. What is the difference between walking by faith and walking by sight? Explain and give practical examples.
4. Why do you think the blind men were unable to keep the news about what Jesus did to themselves (v. 30-31)? What does that tell us about what our disposition ought to be towards evangelism?
5. The Pharisees were provided with many proofs in chapters 7-9 that demonstrated that Jesus is the Son of God. And yet in verse 34 they conclude that he's demonic. Why? Why is the evidence not enough to convince them and to change their hearts? (Hint: see Luke 16:31 & Romans 1:18-20)
6. Do you believe that Jesus is the Son of David? How do you know that to be true?