


Sermon Discussion Guide



Signs: I Was Blind, But Now I See

John 9:1-41


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Who are you
inviting to
Easter!?

Step 1: Reflect on the Text

Why do we do this first? We always want to start with the Bible. The goal is to meditate on the Word and read it with an ear sensitive to the Holy Spirit's promptings. Look for words or phrases that stand out through logic, repetition, layout, etc.

-  Read the sermon scripture(s) listed above. What stood out to you? What do you find interesting and/or important? What is challenging or causes you to have questions?

Step 2: Reflect on the Sermon

INTRODUCTION

- 1 Have you ever known someone who was physically blind?
- 2 What was your one main/big takeaway from the sermon? How would you summarize the main theme of the sermon in one phrase or sentence?

I WAS BLIND, BUT NOW I SEE: THE MIRACLE

- 3 Why was it significant that the man was blind from birth?
- 4 Why did Jesus spit on the ground and make mud to put on the man's eyes? Why did he send him to the pool of Siloam.
- 5 Has the Holy Spirit opened your spiritual eyes? When do you think your eyes were first opened to believe in Jesus?

I WAS BLIND, BUT NOW I SEE: THE MARKERS

- 6 *Seeing God at work.* What faulty view did the disciples have about sin and suffering? Have you been guilty of thinking about God more through the lens of Karma than the Bible? What did Brandon mean when he said, “The gospel frees us to ask less horizontal questions and more vertical questions”? Have you seen God work in your life lately through suffering?
- 7 Why did Jesus say, “As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world”? Are there any opportunities before you to participate with God in His work in the world today?
- 8 *Seeing yourself with humility.* What was the difference between the formerly blind man and the Pharisees? Read and discuss Proverbs 26:12 and James 4:6. Do people typically experience you as humble or proud?
- 9 Discuss the following quote by Herman Melville.

Heaven have mercy on us all – Presbyterians and Pagans alike – for we are all dreadfully cracked about the head, and desperately need mending.

- 10 *Seeing Jesus as the ultimate treasure.* What was the difference between the blind man and the blind man’s parents? Is Jesus your ultimate treasure? Would you be willing to lose everything if you could only have Him? What do you cloud your vision after conversion from seeing Jesus as your ultimate treasure?

Step 3: Final Reflections

- † How has your understanding, appreciation, and love for Jesus and the gospel grown as a result of this study?
- ♥ In what areas of faith and practice are you feeling convicted by the Holy Spirit to act as a result of this study?