

Acts

The Million Dollar Question

Warm-Up Questions:

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READ: Acts 13:1-12

I. The Million Dollar Question: **Blindness** (Acts 13:6, 11; 1 Cor. 2:14)

- Read Romans 5:12, 1 Cor. 2:14, and 2 Cor. 4:4. What are the two causes of spiritual blindness?
- Do you remember when you were spiritually blind? How did you view/think of spiritual things?

II. The Million Dollar Question: **The Holy Spirit** (Acts 13:2, 4, 9; 2 Cor. 4:6)

- When did the Holy Spirit open your eyes to see the truth of the gospel? Do you remember when it finally "clicked," or was the process more gradual?

III. The Million Dollar Question: **Response** (Acts 13:7)

- Read Acts 13:7, Romans 10:11-17, Hebrews 4:12.
 - What do these passages teach us about how the Holy Spirit draws people to himself?
 - How should this impact the way we interact with unbelievers?
- Are you praying for the unbelievers you know? Why does it matter that we pray for them if ultimately, it is up to the Holy Spirit to open their eyes?

Action Points

- Spend some time as a group praying specifically for people in your lives who need to have their eyes opened (especially those from the warm-up question).
- Think of ways you can witness to these individuals. What truths from God's word do you think they most need to hear? How might the gospel speak to their particular brokenness?

Sermon Discussion Guide--Leader's Copy

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Ultimately, the root issue is that they are blinded by sin and have not had their eyes opened. But we can also often identify how this blindness is working itself out for the individual--perhaps they think they are good enough to make it on their own, or maybe church wounds from childhood are keeping them away.

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The causes are original sin (all born spiritually blind) and also the influence of Satan, who wants to besiege our minds.

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The Holy Spirit works in conjunction with the Word of God. God's word is powerful, and people respond to it!

- How should this impact the way we interact with unbelievers?

We shouldn't shy away from sharing the Word! While salvation is up to God, he may use our evangelism to reach people.

- Are you praying for the unbelievers you know? Why does it matter that we pray for them if ultimately, it is up to the Holy Spirit to open their eyes?

Because in the mystery of God's providence and human action, God chooses to use our prayers to accomplish his purposes. We are told to pray, and we do out of obedience.

Salvation belongs to the Lord; the Holy Spirit is the one who opens the eyes of those the Lord chooses. But God saves people through an infinite variety of means. Look for ways to meet people in their brokenness with the hope of the gospel. That just may be how God has planned from all eternity to save them!