

# Summary

Pastor Jason teaches from John 9 about the blind man who was healed by Jesus, emphasizing that we often get so focused on 'how' things work that we lose sight of 'who' God is. The sermon addresses why many Christians (50% according to research) feel uncomfortable sharing their faith despite believing it's the greatest thing that happened to them. Using the analogy of hitting a 90 mph fastball - which is scientifically impossible but happens regularly - he illustrates how we shouldn't let unexplainable questions prevent us from sharing the undeniable truth of how Jesus has changed our lives.

The blind man's simple testimony 'I was blind and now I see' becomes the model for sharing our faith. Rather than needing to be attorneys with all the answers, we're called to be witnesses who simply tell our story. The sermon concludes with practical tips for sharing faith and challenges everyone to write their three-part story: 'I was' (life before Jesus), 'then God' (encountering Jesus), and 'now' (life after Jesus).

## Intro Prayer

Heavenly Father, as we gather together today, we ask that You would open our hearts and minds to what You want to teach us. Help us to be receptive to Your Spirit and to see beyond our own understanding. Lord, we know that You have a unique message for each of us today, and we pray that You would speak clearly to our hearts. Remove any distractions or preconceptions that might keep us from hearing Your voice. We invite You to work in and through our time together, and we trust that You will use this discussion to draw us closer to You and to one another. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

## Ice Breaker

What's the most unexplainable thing you've ever witnessed or experienced that you couldn't fully understand but knew was real?

## Key Verses

1. John 9:1-7
2. John 9:25
3. Acts 1:8
4. 2 Corinthians 3:17

## Questions

1. Why do you think 95% of Christians say meeting Jesus is the greatest thing that happened to them, yet 50% feel uncomfortable sharing their faith?
2. How does the blind man's simple testimony 'I was blind and now I see' challenge our tendency to feel we need all the answers before sharing our faith?
3. What's the difference between being a 'witness' versus an 'attorney' for Jesus, and why is this distinction important?

4. Pastor Jason used the baseball analogy about hitting a 90 mph fastball being scientifically impossible yet regularly achieved. How does this relate to our faith and sharing it with others?
5. What are some 'unexplainable' questions about faith that have held you back from sharing your story, and how might you approach these differently?
6. Think about your own story - what would your 'I was,' 'then God,' and 'now' look like? Share what you're comfortable with.
7. Which of the practical tips for sharing faith (paying attention to pain moments, sharing experience vs. solutions, responding honestly to 'how are you,' etc.) resonates most with you and why?
8. How can we 'live in a way that matches our story' and what does this look like practically in daily life?

## Life Application

This week, write out your three-part story: 'I was' (your life before Jesus), 'then God' (how you encountered Jesus), and 'now' (how Jesus has changed your life). Practice sharing this story with someone - whether a family member, friend, or through the church app. Also, make the decision that sharing your faith is a 'yes' by default, and listen for God's guidance on when to share rather than waiting for perfect circumstances or complete answers to every question.

## Key Takeaways

1. We often prioritize the unexplainable over the undeniable, letting questions we can't answer prevent us from sharing what we know is true
2. Jesus calls us to be His witnesses, not His attorneys - our job is to tell our story, not have all the answers
3. Every follower of Jesus has a story of transformation that can't be argued with - a changed life is powerful testimony
4. The decision to share our faith should already be made (like deciding to swing at a fastball), and we listen for when not to share rather than waiting for perfect moments
5. Our story consists of three simple parts: life before Jesus, encountering Jesus, and life after Jesus - and this story is a tool God wants to use

## Ending Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You for the reminder that You have given each of us a powerful story to share. Help us to see that our testimony doesn't need to be perfect or have all the answers - it just needs to be true. Give us courage to step out of our comfort zones and share how You have changed our lives. Help us to live in a way that matches our story and to be ready witnesses for You. May we approach each day with the decision already made to share Your love, listening for Your guidance on when and how to do so. Use our stories to bring hope and light into the dark places of this world. We trust You to work through our simple testimonies just as You worked through the blind man's simple words. In Your precious name we pray, Amen.