

Discussion Guide | John 9:13-41

Gathering Question

What is one way you've experienced God in your life this week?

Gathering Prayer

Father, by Your Spirit, would You guide us into all truth. Help us to hear and be attentive to Your voice as we work through this study. In the name of Jesus, Your Son, we pray, Amen.

Opening Questions

- What stood out to you in the sermon?
- What insights did you gain?
- What questions did it raise?

Read John 9:13-41 (you might want to break this up for multiple readers)

- How do you see the conflict in this story grow from start to finish?
- What stands out to you about the healed man's responses compared to the Pharisees'?

Spiritual Blindness

- How did the Pharisees show they were blind, even though they were devout, Bible-reading, religious leaders?
- What do you think it means today to be "blind" in a spiritual sense?

Seeing Sin

- Read Ephesians 2:1-3. Summarize this teaching about the human condition in your own words. How do you react to this description?
- Why is it so easy to see sin in others but hard to see it in ourselves?
- Why is confessing our sin actually good news rather than bad news?

Seeing Grace

- Read Ephesians 2:4-10. Summarize in your own words this teaching about God's grace. How do you react to this description?
- Why can't we understand grace until we first understand sin?
- Share a moment when God opened your eyes to his grace in a fresh way.

Spiritual Sight

- The London Times once wrote an editorial titled "What is Wrong with the World?" G.K. Chesterton responded with: "Dear Sir, I am. Yours, G.K. Chesterton." How does Chesterton's response articulate the Christian position on sin and grace? How does his response challenge our cultural thinking today?
- By the end, the formerly blind man is worshipping Jesus. The only person in the gospel of John to worship Jesus. Why do you think worship is the natural response when our spiritual eyes are opened to both our sin and God's grace?

Closing Prayer