



GC Discussion Questions

Date – 12/17/17

Series – Controversy and Conflict

Sermon Title: Sign: Seeing is Believing

Sermon Text: John 9

Big Idea: We are helpless in our unbelief until Jesus finds us and opens our eyes to belief

1. Read John 9. The blind beggar was a “less than” in the eyes of society. Who are the “less than” in our society? How can you better notice or see them and then care for their needs?

2. Who in this story do you most relate to? The blind beggar? His parents? The disciples? The Pharisees?
 - a. In what ways are you similar to each?

 - b. In what ways are you different?

3. The blind man progressed in his understanding of Jesus (man, prophet, defending him, belief as Lord and Savior). How does that relate to your progression of understanding the true Jesus? Does your story or this blind man’s story give you hope for your friends and family who may not yet know the true Jesus?

4. The Pharisees pointed towards Moses and the law as what justifies them and makes them righteous. What do you point towards and count on for your righteousness?
 - a. *(Leaders, after they've answered this question, ask:)* Would your answer be different if we used the word “approval”, or “important”, or “worthy” in place of righteous?

5. Tad said that the explanation for this man’s blindness was not found in previous sins, as the disciples wondered, but in future purposes. To what extent is that always true? How does that apply to circumstances that you might find yourself in?
 - a. How do you feel about the fact that the man was born blind (and many people suffered because of it) so that God could be glorified?

6. The beggar became a worshiper. Who in your life can we pray for that needs to be given sight so that they may worship Jesus?