

John 9:26-41

²⁶ They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" ²⁷ He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" ²⁸ And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹ We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." ³⁰ The man answered, "Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹ We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. ³² Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. ³³ If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." ³⁴ They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

³⁵ Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ³⁶ He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" ³⁷ Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." ³⁸ He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. ³⁹ Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind." ⁴⁰ Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, "Are we also blind?" ⁴¹ Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no guilt; ⁴² but now that you say, 'We see,' your guilt remains.

Questions

- 1) Universal - Jamie Brown began the sermon with this statement, "What Jesus did for this man, he does for us!" What does he mean by this statement? What does this mean to you? In other words, if someone asked, "What has Jesus done for you?" What would you say?
- 2) Testimony - The man said to the Pharisees, "One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see" (John 9:25). Does this remind you of a famous hymn? Which one? Jamie Brown often uses the phrase "the initiating grace of Jesus." What does he mean by this?
- 3) Before and After - Pause to consider this man's life before and after his encounter with Jesus. Complete the sentence, "After his encounter with Jesus"
 - a) Before his encounter with Jesus, he was blind After
 - b) Before his encounter with Jesus, his identity was "a man blind from birth" and a beggar. After
 - c) Before his encounter with Jesus, he did not know the Son of Man. After . . .
 - d) Before his encounter with Jesus, he had no relationship with the Son of Man. After
 - e) Before his encounter with Jesus, he begged. After Jesus' revelation of himself leads this man to See John 9:38.Consider your life before and after your encounter with Jesus. Perhaps there are other changes or differences you could add or describe.
- 4) Gift of Grace - Jesus gave the man something *he did not have* versus something *he lost*. What is the spiritual importance or significance of this difference?
- 5) Identity - "You are defined by your relationship with Jesus." What is your reaction to this statement? Do you think, "No. Not really." Or, "Yes! By God's grace I am!" If so? What does that mean practically?
- 6) Doubt - Jamie Brown stated, "Isn't it just like the devil to attack you right after you've experienced a particular closeness with Jesus? And immediately drag up your old life? That's what happens here. They shame him. And they cast him out." Do you agree with this statement? Have you ever experienced this? How did you respond? How should we respond?
- 7) A Living Sermon - You are a living sermon! Do you know it to be true? Do you see yourself that way? If not? What prevents you from seeing yourself this way? If so, how do you live into being a living sermon? At home? At school? At work? In the grocery store? On your way
- 8) A Recap - The following is Jamie's powerful recap of this man's experience. Does anything about this particularly strike you? Assure you? Challenge you? Encourage you?

This is the miracle of the gospel, playing out in a time-lapse in this man, so we can see

how the work of God works. And allow me to recap how the work of God works. This is this man's story in this chapter, but it's also your story:

- Verse 1: Jesus sees you
 - Verse 6: Jesus regenerates you
 - Verse 7: Jesus sanctifies you
 - Verse 8: Jesus transforms you
 - Verse 11: Jesus is proclaimed by you
 - Verse 15: Jesus gives you simple confidence in him
 - Verse 17: Jesus gives you an increasing awareness of him
 - Verse 25: Jesus gives you an increasing humility because of him
 - Verse 27: Jesus gives you what you didn't have
 - Verse 30: Jesus shows you what you couldn't see
 - Verse 35: Jesus finds you when you hadn't yet believed
- And he shows you his face. He draws you to believe and worship him. Verse 38*