7 SIGNS | SIGHT TO THE BLIND

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SOUTHRIDGE DISCUSSION & PRACTICE GUIDE

01 READ

Jesus heals a man born blind — but the real sign goes deeper than restored eyesight. The disciples want a tidy explanation for his suffering; the religious leaders refuse to believe a miracle that breaks their rules; and the healed man simply says, *"I was blind but now I see."* Jesus calls himself the light of the world and the story reveals that we're all blind in some way. The question is whether we're humble enough to admit it and let Jesus open our eyes, or so sure we can see that we miss him entirely. (Watch message recap.)

> *"A sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!"*
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> John 9:25

02 REFLECT

- The disciples wanted a cause-and-effect explanation for suffering: *"Who sinned?"* Have you ever caught yourself looking for someone to blame when something painful doesn't make sense? How do you see this happening in the world around us?
- Jesus told the man to go wash at a pool called "Sent" without explaining why. When has God asked you to go and do something before you could see the full picture?
- The Pharisees were so certain of what they understood that they couldn't recognize God at work right in front of them. Where might certainty be getting in the way of your openness to Jesus? Is there anything you feel certain of but that Jesus sometimes makes you question? What could you do to open your eyes, mind, and heart to Jesus on this?
- The healed man could only say what he knew for sure: *"I was blind but now I see."* What's one simple, honest thing you know to be true about what Jesus has done in your life?

03 RESPOND

- *Ask to See:* Confess one area where you might be spiritually blind — an assumption, an echo chamber, something you're fixated on— and ask Jesus to open your eyes to it.
- *Go and Wash:* Take one step of obedience this week that Jesus is clearly asking of you, even without seeing the full outcome yet.

Come back ready to share what you noticed about your own blind spots this week.