

LESSON 8
EYES THAT WILL NOT SEE
JOHN 9:1—10:42



1 Close your eyes and imagine what it would be like to be totally blind. How would your blindness affect your work and your family life?

2 Now imagine that you were blind and all alone in the world with no means of support. What would you do? How would you live? How would you feel?



Read John 9:1—10:42 and the following notes:

- ☐ 9:2, 3 ☐ 9:13–17 ☐ 9:25 ☐ 9:28, 34 ☐ 10:1 ☐ 10:11, 12 ☐ 10:16
☐ 10:24

3 What were the doubts of the neighbors?

4 What were the doubts of the Pharisees?

5 How did both these groups respond to their doubts?

6 How did the former blind man describe Jesus?

7 How did the Pharisees respond to this description of Jesus and his questions?

8 How did the former blind man respond when he saw Jesus?

9 In what ways were the Pharisees blind?

Physical blindness is considered a handicap. It is a world of darkness that many have learned to overcome. Spiritual blindness is a darkness of another kind. It is caused by unbelief. A person can receive spiritual sight just as the blind man received his physical sight—through faith and obedience. He believed the words of Jesus and obeyed him. He went to the pool of Siloam and washed his eyes. Then hearing that Jesus was the Messiah, he readily believed and worshiped. You and I can receive spiritual sight by hearing the words of Jesus, believing, and responding in obedience. Listen carefully to his words. They are light and sight to the one who hears and obeys.



10 How can we be spiritually blind?



11 What part does doubt play in spiritual blindness? How has Jesus been a light to you?

12 What unanswered questions or doubts are hindering you from fully trusting the words of Jesus?

13 How has God opened your eyes? What spiritual insights about yourself has God helped you clearly see?

14 What are some areas of spiritual blindness in your life that friends or family have pointed out to you?

15 Pray this week that God would show you one area of your life where you have been blind to his teaching. (This could be a relationship, a habit, or a thought pattern.) Write it here and describe how you believe God wants you to deal with that blindness.



16 What will you do this week to begin to resolve your doubts?

A What evidence for Jesus' deity does John appeal to in these verses?

B Why was the man born blind? What are some of the reasons God allows suffering and pain in the world? How do you respond to an illness or difficult situation? How could a difficult experience in your life bring glory to God?

C How was the former blind man's faith tested? How has your faith been tested? What can you do to be ready to pass these tests?

D Which name of Jesus means the most to you and why?

E What is the difference between a shepherd and a hired hand? Why does Jesus call himself "the good shepherd"? How can you have life to the full?

F Who are the "other sheep" in 10:16? Who are the "other sheep" you know who are waiting to hear?

G Why did the people find it so difficult to accept the proof for Jesus' divinity? What would it take to convince people today that Jesus is God?

H Why did the Pharisees want to kill Jesus?

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