



CELL GUIDE

TOPIC	This is Jesus Who Brings Sight to the Spiritually Blind	SPEAKER	Pastor Darren Kuek
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MESSAGE SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

Spiritual blindness is not being able to see **who God is** and **what He is doing**. What would we do if we awoke one day spiritually blind? Ps Darren Kuek points us to John 9 to show us Jesus who brings sight to the spiritually blind. He is the One who can and will restore our spiritual sight. How will we respond? There are 3 keys to receiving spiritual sight.

3 KEYS TO SEE (JOHN 9: 1 - 38)

In John 9, Jesus passed by a man blind from birth. After telling his disciples that this blindness is so that the works of God might be displayed, Jesus proceeded to heal the blind man. Jesus spat in the ground, made mud with the saliva and put the mud on the man's eyes, and told the blind man to wash in the pool of Siloam. The man did as Jesus asked and came back seeing.

Like the blind man, we too can come to Jesus and have Him heal our spiritual sight. In this sermon, Ps Darren expounds on the 3 keys involved in helping us to see.

1. Seeing involves active obedience (John 9:1-7)

Why did Jesus not heal the blind man instantly? He expected the blind man to first obey his instructions of going to the pool of Siloam and washing the mud off his eyes. The blind man needed to obey what Jesus asked of him. His active obedience required faith – faith in Jesus who will heal his blindness. The blind man received his sight.

We, too, will sometimes need to step out in obedience before we can see. Sometimes, we need to step out in faith first, before God reveals and gives us greater spiritual sight.

2. Seeing involves a posture of humility (John 9:8-34)

Why could the Pharisees not see the miracle (of the blind man receiving sight) for what it was? They had no posture of humility. There were 3 things that blinded them:

- i. **Practices.** The Pharisees were fixated on their practices on how God's laws were to be kept. In this case, they believed that God's law on keeping the Sabbath holy involved as to be kept fastidiously. They were not to lift a finger to do anything on the Sabbath. Jesus's act of healing the blind man was considered work and therefore he was a lawbreaker in

their eyes. They could not acknowledge the miracle that Jesus had done for the blind man. Like the Pharisees, our fixation on doing things our way (even if done with the best intentions for God) can be the very thing preventing us from seeing Him.

- ii. **Prejudices.** The Pharisees had a fixed mind on the kind of Messiah God would send to them. They were looking for a conquering King, not a meek King with a ragtag band of followers. Like the Pharisees, our pre-conceived ideas about God can prevent us from seeing God Himself at work before us.
- iii. **Pride.** The Pharisees looked down on the blind man. They refused to listen to what he said about Jesus, insisting that Jesus was certainly not from God. As teachers of the law, they believed themselves to be wise and authoritative on all things concerning God. As a result, they failed to see God's choice in Jesus or the blind man. Like the Pharisees, do we look down on others who we deem to be less spiritual or wise than us?

As we seek to see more of who God is and what He is doing in our lives, are we willing to humbly put aside our fixations on our practices, prejudices, and our pride, so that we can see Him for who He truly is, and not just who we imagine him to be?

3. Seeing involves a relationship with Jesus as Lord (John 9:35-38)

Why did Jesus ask the blind man if he believed in the Son of Man? The Son of Man is referred to in Daniel 7 – a human-like God whose kingdom will reign forever – none other than Jesus Christ who is Lord. Believe in Jesus Christ for who He is, what He has done and will come to do brings us into a relationship with Christ as Lord. Those who can see Christ are those who believe in Him, and continue to do so, not forgetting who He is.

What is our relationship with Jesus? Who is He to us? Do our actions and decisions confess to the same relationship that our lips confess to? Our relationship with Jesus determines our sight.

CONCLUSION

Are you in a place where you are spiritually blind? Unable to see God in your situation? Like Elisha who prayed for the spiritual eyes of his servant to be opened during a battle before them, we too can pray and ask the Lord Himself to open our spiritual eyes to see Him with us.

QUESTIONS

1. What is spiritual blindness to you? Share an experience of someone or yourself in spiritual blindness and how God brought the person/you through it.

2. Which of the 3 areas of blindness – Practices, Prejudices and Pride - do you relate to and why? How can the cell group pray for or journey with you in this area?

3. Seeing involves active obedience. In what ways is God challenging you to step up in faith right now?