

7. What work has God given you to do while you still have time?

8. In what way has Jesus opened your once-blind eyes?
Are there ways that we are still spiritually blind?

Let's Pray:

Sermon Notes

"When Blind Men See Clearly"

John 9:1-41

August 21, 2016

Introduction:

1. God's purposeful sovereignty over _____
(9:1-3)

2. _____ of the blind man (9:6-38)

3. _____ of the prideful self-sufficient
(9:39-41)

Conclusion:

Growth Group Homework

For the week of 8-21-16

Questions adapted from Karen Lee-Thorp, ed., *John: Life Change Series*, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1987, pp. 93-100; Jim Petersen, *Living Proof*, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1989, pp. 232-33; James Galvin, ed., et al., *New Testament Lesson Maker*, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1992, pp. 170-71.

Getting Started:

1. In what way would being blind change your life?

Digging Deeper:

2. Read John 9:1-41.
 - a. What do you think Jesus means when He calls Himself “the light of the world” (8:12; 9:4-5, 39)?
 - b. How does the sign in 9:1-7 demonstrate this aspect of His mission and identity?

3. In each of the following verses, what does the former blind man call Jesus, and how does he treat Him?

9:11

9:17

9:33

9:35-38

4. How do these comments (in question 3) further illustrate the way in which Jesus is the light of the world?
5. At the same time, Jesus says that in the presence of His light “those who see will become blind (9:39). How do the Pharisees in chapter 9 illustrate this?
6. Through what disability or weakness can you glorify God?