

Sermon Notes

“Jesus Opens Blinded Eyes”

Mark 8:22-33

November 16, 2025

5. What was Peter's declaration of faith (8:29)? What warning did Jesus give His disciples (8:30)? Why would Jesus give this warning?

6. If someone asked you who Jesus is, what would you say?

7. How was what Jesus predicted different than what Peter expected (8:32)? To what did this lead (8:32-33)?

8. When have you ever doubted the words of Jesus? In what ways has Christ rebuked you in the past?

9. In what way did Peter have in mind the “things of man” as opposed to the “things of God” (8:33)? How can we make sure we “have in mind the things of God”?

Let's Pray:

Growth Group Homework

For the week of 11-16-2025

Questions adapted from James Galvin, ed., et al., New Testament Lesson Maker, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1992, p. 85-86; Lyman Coleman, et al., eds., Serendipity New Testament for Groups, Serendipity House, Littleton, CO, 1986, p. 105; James Hoover, Mark: Follow Me, InterVarsity Press, Downers Grove, IL, 1999, pp. 41; Ted Dorman, Karen Lee-Thorp, ed., Life Change Series: Mark, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1995, pp. 82-86.

Getting Started:

1. When have you experienced a time when God answered a prayer only partially?

Digging Deeper:

Read Mark 8:22-33.

2. What is unique about this healing (8:22-26) compared to every other healing Mark recorded in his Gospel? What connection do you think there is between this gradual healing and the disciples' slowness to understand who Jesus was?
3. When were your eyes opened spiritually? What stages of spiritual sight did you pass through?
4. What questions did Jesus ask his disciples, and how did they reply? Why do you think Jesus asked the two questions in the order he did?