

## To See or Not to See

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UNFORGETTABLE

ENCOUNTERS

### WARM UP

What is your favorite dessert? Why?

### COMING UP

[GRACEPOLARIS.ORG/CALENDAR](http://GRACEPOLARIS.ORG/CALENDAR)

**Women's Unfinished Project Night** Friday, March 16, 6:30–8:30 p.m., WC south hallway

**Men's Madness** Friday, March 23, 6:30 p.m., FC main gym. Cost is \$5, due upon arrival.

**Palm Sunday Worship Service** March 25, 10:00 a.m., WC auditorium. All believers are invited to communion immediately follow the worship service.

### WITNESS

- On your white board, list the names of people in your sphere of influence you're praying will come to know Jesus.
- Share any progress/updates. Pray together for God to use you and your Grace Group to influence these people for Jesus.

### EXPLORE

- 1 When we see people suffering or unable to help themselves, we often assume that we know or can discern the cause (9:1,2). Why are we so prone to this type of thinking?
- 2 How does Jesus' declaration in 9:3 transform how we view difficult circumstances or realities in our lives? Have you witnessed that in your own life (past or present)?
- 3 The Pharisees assumed that certain conditions or behaviors automatically ruled out the possibility that someone could be pleasing to God (9:16 and onward). How might you or others be tempted to do the same thing?
- 4 The blind man's parents were reluctant to associate themselves with Jesus or declare any allegiance to Him (9:22,23). What are some practical reasons — social, relational, or cultural — which might cause people to be like that in our day?
- 5 For a while (until 9:24), the Pharisees feigned objectivity in their questions, but it turned out to be a smokescreen. What smokescreens do other people use today when they are confronted with the claims of Jesus? What smokescreens did you use?
- 6 The formerly blind man was not intimidated by the Pharisees, and he was willing to "follow the facts" at great social and cultural cost. Why? How is his response a compelling example of an appropriate response to Jesus (9:38)? Share similar examples that you have seen.
- 7 Read John 9:35–41 and Matthew 13 (the parable of the sower). Is there a correlation between the condition of the heart and one's reception to the clear presentation of the Gospel? If so, explain.

### PRAY

Pray that your spiritual vision would improve, that God would open the eyes of those in your life who have yet to see Him, and that God would use you to help others see Him.