



# “Seeing Life with New Eyes”

John 9

## LISTEN

*Record your insights and observations from this week’s sermon:*

## SHARE

John 9 tells the story of a man blind from birth who had his sight restored by Jesus. In verse 25, the man shares this simple testimony: “I was blind but now I see!” Take three minutes to share how God has met a significant need in your life:

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## REFLECT

a) What was wrong with the disciples’ view of suffering in verse 2?

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b) How did Jesus correct the disciples’ mistaken notion about the blind man’s suffering? (vss. 3-5)

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c) What strikes you about the way Jesus restored the blind man’s eyesight? (vss. 6-7)

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d) Identify the various groups of people in John 9 who harassed the blind man after he was healed. In each case, what was the nature of the harassment?

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e) Why do you think these people criticized, attacked, and ultimately rejected the man instead of rejoicing with him? What does that reveal about their own spiritual blindness?

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f) Put John 9:41 into your own words:

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**APPLY**

a) What does it mean to you practically that Jesus is the “light of the world” (John 9:5)?

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b) Fill in the blanks below about your own spiritual journey: “I once was \_\_\_\_\_ but now I \_\_\_\_\_.”

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c) The blind man of John 9 is a wonderful example of someone who, after receiving the grace of God, shamelessly and simply tells others about the grace-giver, Jesus Christ. Write the names of one or more persons whom God has put in your circle of influence who do not know Jesus as their Friend and Savior:

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d) Are you willing to pray regularly for the person(s) named above, that Jesus would become “the light of their world”?

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e) Would you also be willing to pray that God will open up an opportunity for you to share your spiritual story with the person(s) named above?

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f) Here is a simple prayer you might consider using:

*“Lord Jesus, thank you for giving me spiritual eyesight. I ask that you open the eyes of \_\_\_\_\_ and become the light of his/her world. Please use me – my life, my attitudes, my actions, and my words – to help that person receive you into his/her life. Amen.”*