

MESSAGE NOTES

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COME AND SEE | THE EYE-OPENER!

JOHN 9

BIG IDEA

The way to truly see is to admit you don't. The self-sufficient stay blind!

INTRODUCTION

The Country of the Blind by H.G. Wells

1. The Miracle (verses 1-7)
2. The Investigation (verses 8-34)
 - The neighbors (verses 8-12)
 - The Pharisees and the blind man—round 1 (verses 13-18)
 - The Pharisees and the parents (verses 19-23)
 - The Pharisees and the blind man—round 2 (verses 24-34)
3. Jesus' Follow Up Interview (verses 35-41)
 - "Then Jesus told him, 'I entered this world to render judgment—to give sight to the blind and to show those who think they see that they are blind.'" John 8:39 (NLT)

IMPLICATION

1. On Suffering: Just because you suffer don't conclude it's due to sin in your life—righteous people can suffer.
2. On Service: Jesus reminds us that the work of God that brings God honor is holistic.
3. On Discipleship: The blind man is a model of a true disciple—he acknowledged his need, took Jesus at his word and obeyed, persevered as he suffered and grew in his understanding of Jesus.

"Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you." Matthew 5:11-12

BRINGING IT HOME

Who am I most like in this story? The blind man or the Pharisees?