



More than Words

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Focus When we cannot see or hear, we miss out on the heart of God’s Word. This defines spiritual blindness, and even Jesus’ disciples were not exempt from it. Yet, to have the full picture of what God wants to teach or show us, we must have open eyes and ears. We need to set aside pride, repent of sin, and leave rebellion behind. Jesus came so that we could see. He wants us all to receive the spiritual revelation He has for us.

Fun Besides Jesus, which person in the Bible intrigues you the most? Why?

Review Key Scriptures: Isaiah 42:18–20; John 9:39–41; Mark 8:13–21

1. Spiritual blindness steals our understanding.

We cannot understand the Bible if we are spiritually blind. This is not a physical issue but a spiritual one.

2. Pride causes spiritual blindness.

We will not learn anything if we think that we know it all. When we are prideful and closed-minded, we cannot receive spiritual revelation from God’s Word.

3. Jesus opens blind eyes.

The scales fell from Paul’s eyes when he was prayed for. The blind man was healed both spiritually and physically after Jesus touched Him. Spiritual healing goes hand in hand with physical healing.

Group Dynamics Idea Jesus changes people. Ask the members of your group if they would like to share how Jesus changed them. Make time at the end of your session for them to do so.

Discuss

1. Name two things that contribute to spiritual blindness (Ezekiel 12:2; Zephaniah 1:17).
2. Read Matthew 13:15. What must happen before our eyes and ears are spiritually attuned to God or we are healed?
3. Referencing Mark 8:22–25, explain Pastor Robert’s statement, “The first time Jesus opened [the man’s] spiritual eyes; the second time his natural eyes were opened.”
4. Read Psalm 1:3, 52:8 and Jeremiah 17:8. What do trees symbolize in these verses? Describe the two types of trees mentioned in Matthew 7:17. How do these trees reflect us?
5. What was Jesus specifically warning His disciples about regarding “the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod” (Mark 8:13–21)? Why did the disciples not understand what Jesus was trying to teach them? Why do we not always understand what Jesus is trying to teach us?
6. Take a moment to ask God if there is an area in your life where you may be spiritually deaf or blind. Then ask Him to open your eyes and ears to the revelation of His Word.

Take Home As we conclude, remember the following:

- Spiritual blindness keeps us from understanding God’s Word.
- Sin and rebellion are both causes of spiritual blindness.
- Repenting of sin awakens us spiritually.

Prayer Dear God, I repent of sinfulness and pride, please forgive me. I come to You as a child, confessing that I cannot understand Your book without guidance from You. I receive Your help now. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

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