



JUST JESUS: A Journey Through Mark **PART 27 - 8:18 - 26**

Eyes that Don't See

READ: Mark 8:18-21 and Isaiah 6:9-10

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1) What's the difference between physically seeing and spiritually perceiving according to your understanding of this passage?
- 2) How does Isaiah 6:9-10 deepen our grasp of why Jesus quotes that phrase to His disciples?
- 3) Pastor Greg said, "Faith doesn't demand new proof. Faith rightly responds to what we've already seen, heard, and experienced of Him." What does that statement expose about how we sometimes approach God when we feel spiritually dull?
- 4) In what ways can we strengthen our "spiritual memory," keeping God's past faithfulness in clear focus when new challenges arise?

Remember the Baskets

READ: Mark 8:19-21 and Deuteronomy 8:2-4

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1) Why does Jesus quiz the disciples on how many baskets of leftovers they gathered? What deeper lesson hides behind the math?
- 2) Deuteronomy 8 reminds Israel to remember how God fed them with manna. How does that connect with Jesus reminding His disciples about the feedings?
- 3) Pastor G said, "Faith is remembering not just the miracle, but the meaning of the miracle." What's the "meaning" behind your own remembered miracle?
- 4) When have you, like the disciples, known all the facts about God's provision but still found it hard to trust Him for the next need? What does that reveal about your spiritual vision?

Touched Twice ~ Healing Begins

READ: Mark 8:22-25 and John 9:1-7

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1) Why do you think Jesus leads the man out of the village before healing him? What might that act symbolize about unbelief or protection?
- 2) Compare the use of spit in Mark 8 and John 9. What does this earthy, physical method reveal about Jesus' willingness to enter the messiness of human life?
- 3) Pastor Greg said, "Sometimes the most faith-filled and grace-filled thing you can do is carry someone else's need into Jesus' presence when they can't navigate there on their own." Who are you currently "carrying" to Jesus through prayer or action?
- 4) The man's sight comes in stages—first blurry, then clear. How does that process mirror your own growth in understanding or faith?

Seeing Clearly and Guarding the Gift

READ: Mark 8:25-26 and Philippians 1:6

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1) Verse 25 says the man "began to see everything clearly." What does that reveal about the completeness of Jesus' healing—physically, spiritually, and relationally?

- 2) Why does Jesus send him home instead of back into Bethsaida? How does that boundary function as protection rather than punishment?
- 3) Pastor G said, "Sometimes, the most faithful thing you can do is simply not return to the places that blinded you." What "villages" in your own life might Jesus be asking you to avoid so your new faith can deepen?
- 4) Philippians 1:6 promises that "He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion." How does that verse give hope for believers still living in "blurry-trees-walking" seasons?