

## From Blindness to Sight: The One MUST-SEE SIGHT

## John 9:1-7, 13-17, 33-41

<sup>1</sup>As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup> His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" <sup>3</sup> "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life. <sup>4</sup> As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. <sup>5</sup> While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." <sup>6</sup> Having said this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. <sup>7</sup> "Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means Sent). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing. <sup>13</sup> They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. <sup>14</sup> Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man's eves was a Sabbath.<sup>15</sup> Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. "He put mud on my eyes," the man replied, "and I washed, and now I see." <sup>16</sup> Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others asked, "How can a sinner do such miraculous signs?" So they were divided. <sup>17</sup> Finally they turned again to the blind man, "What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened." The man replied, "He is a prophet...<sup>33</sup> If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." <sup>34</sup> To this they replied, "You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!" And they threw him out. <sup>35</sup> Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" <sup>36</sup> "Who is he, sir?" the man asked. "Tell me so that I may believe in him." <sup>37</sup> Jesus said, "You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you." <sup>38</sup> Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind." <sup>40</sup> Some Pharisees who were with him heard him say this and asked, "What? Are we blind too?" <sup>41</sup> Jesus said, "If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains."

- 1. What is your one **MUST-SEE SIGHT** at the top of your bucket list? What's the most incredible sight you have ever seen?
- 2. Agree or Disagree: When bad things happen to us, God is punishing us for the sins we've committed.
- 3. In what ways can we see ourselves in the disciples, who assumed this man's blindness must have been either his own fault or his parent's fault?
- 4. For what reasons is it difficult to trust God and his work in our lives when we are in the middle of suffering?
- 5. What are the two kinds of sight and the two kinds of blindness in this story? Do a vision screening for each kind of the man born blind and the Pharisees at the end of this story.
- 6. The reason Jesus came into this world is for judgement, so that the blind may see and those who see may become blind. What does he mean?
- 7. What is the one **MUST-SEE SIGHT** and why does it far surpass any other sights we might see?
- 8. How did the once-blind man respond when he truly got to "see" Jesus? How do we continue to make that our response throughout our life?