



# Life Guide

applying God's Word to life

**Worship Theme: Sight for the Blind**  
**Sermon Theme: God's Work Revealed**  
**March 18-20, 2023**

**John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39** 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 works of God might be displayed in him. <sup>4</sup> As long as it is day, we must do the works 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> After saying 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 eyes 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 perform such signs?" So they were divided. <sup>17</sup> Then they turned again to the blind man, "What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened." <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."

1. Have you ever seen a mirage, heat waves distorting the horizon? Where were you? How hot was it?
2. How valuable a gift is vision? How does it work?
3. What assumption did the disciples make of the man who was born blind? What fueled it?
4. What assumptions are told to make by our society? (And when you think "society," your congregation has to be included!) Which do we find ourselves making?
5. "Hurry up, we're burning daylight!" In what situation is this phrase employed? How does it apply to you in light of Jesus' words in **John 9:4, 5**.
6. Eventually, the man (his parents also!) was put on trial for what happened to him, but stood on truth retelling what Jesus did and asserting he was a prophet. Explain how he, in turn, ended up serving as God's prophet.
7. Jesus helped this man when, even though he could see, felt more in the dark than ever. How can you do the same? Why is it so important to?
8. Why is it beyond beneficial to hope God's work will be revealed no matter the situation in which you find yourself?