



Sermon Discussion Guide

February 22nd, 2026 | John 9:1-41 | Pastor Greg Doty

Series // The Gospel of John: Taste and See Who I Am

Summary

First, we see that Jesus saw a man who had been blind from birth. This man had been overlooked and reduced to begging because of his condition. While others debated whose sin caused his blindness, Jesus corrected their misunderstanding and revealed that the man's condition was so that Jesus could display the works of God. Instead of ignoring him, Jesus approached him in grace, healed him, and restored his sight. The miracle shows that Jesus is full of mercy; the blind man did not seek Jesus, but Jesus sought him. Second, the Pharisees stumbled over the miracle because it challenged their rules and beliefs. They were more concerned about Sabbath regulations than rejoicing that a man had been healed. Their pride and self-righteousness blinded them to grace. Even the man's parents responded in fear, worried about being expelled from the synagogue. Finally, after being rejected and cast out for believing in Jesus' work, the healed man encountered Jesus again and surrendered his life to Him. In the midst of hardship and exclusion, he chose belief. The invitation of the passage is clear: in a dark and broken world, we are called to look to Jesus, trust His grace, and surrender to Him.

Discussion Questions (Read John 9:1-41):

Sight

- How does Jesus correct their understanding of suffering?
- What does this miracle teach us about what Jesus is like?
- Where in your life do you need to remember that Jesus sees you?

Stumble

- What does the Pharisee's reaction reveal about their hearts?
- In what ways can pride, jealousy, or judgment keep us from celebrating God's grace in someone else's life?
- Pastor Greg said, "Maybe our true understanding of what Jesus is like might be revealed more by Jesus' grace to others." What does that mean?

Surrender

- What does it say about the man that he believed even after being expelled?
- What does surrender look like practically in your life right now?
- Is there an area of your life where Jesus is inviting you to deeper trust?
- How does this story encourage you in seasons of confusion or hardship?

Closing Reflection & Prayer

- Which theme do you relate to most right now: Sight, Stumble, or Surrender?

Pray to the Holy Spirit for next steps this week, and for him to help you on whichever one of these "stages" you feel that you are at.