

Fifty series

Light

Message Text: John 8:12; 9

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Jesus has been our all-sufficient source for 50 years and He will continue to be so as we forge ahead.

Spiritual seeing comes through acknowledging our blindness and Jesus'

light

The Gift of Sight

Reacting to the Light

Four Reactions:

- 1) Amazement
- 2) Fear
- 3) Rejection
- 4) Belief

Light's Paradox

Go Deeper:

- 1) Read John 8:12. Compare what it is like walking in physical darkness without light to what it is like walking in spiritual darkness without light? How does this make Jesus statement that much more comforting?
- 2) As you read the account of the man given sight in John 9 what do you think is going through his mind at the various stages?
- 3) What does Jesus answer to the disciple's question in 9:3 reveal about how we are light? What are some tangible ways we can work the works of him who sent Jesus?
- 4) Why do you think the Pharisees reacted so harshly to this man and the miracle that had taken place in his life?
- 5) What does the Pharisees reaction reveal about them?
- 6) Can you think of any current examples that may mirror the response of the Pharisees to this man and the work Jesus had done in his life?
- 7) In 9:1 and 35 we see that Jesus went to this man, what does that tell you about the heart of God for those who are living in spiritual darkness? Can you think of ways in which you have experienced Jesus pursuing you?
- 8) Read John 9:39 and John 3:17, how do these two verses not contradict one another when speaking of judgment? (be sure to read the verses surrounding each, it will be helpful)
- 9) Read John 9:41, how would you explain what Jesus is saying?
- 10) In what dark places is God leading you to shine his light through you this week? How will you go?

Next Steps:

- Memorize John 8:12.
- Read the book of John during the month of January so that Jesus can be my consistent source of spiritual nourishment through His Word.
- Bring in non-perishable food items for Dayton Gospel Mission.
- Be light to those in Haiti who have been devastated by last week's earthquake through praying, giving and perhaps even going if possible.