



LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS  
**THE LIGHT THAT OPENS EYES**  
JOHN 9:1-12

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1. Shed \_\_\_\_\_

(vv. 1-3)

*John 9:1–12 (ESV)*

*9 As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. 2 And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" 3 Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. 4 We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. 5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." 6 Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud 7 and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.*

2. Trust \_\_\_\_\_

(vv. 4-12)

*8 The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" 9 Some said, "It is he." Others said, "No, but he is like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." 10 So they said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" 11 He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed and received my sight." 12 They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."*

3. See \_\_\_\_\_

(vv. 5-12)

## APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- 1. Read John 9:2-3.** What are some of the overly simplistic understandings of suffering you have encountered in your life and in our culture? How can this passage help us think in a deeper and more accurate way about suffering?
2. How can this brief question and answer between Jesus and his disciples change your perspective on suffering in the coming weeks?
- 3. Read 2 Corinthians 12:7-10.** Paul speaks of how God used suffering in profound ways in his own life and ministry. On a personal level, how have you seen this happen?
- 4. Read Romans 8:18.** How can considering the future removal of suffering impact your perspective this week?
- 5. Read 2 Corinthians 4:4-6.** When God opened your eyes through salvation, what are some of the things you can see now that you couldn't see before? These could be truths about God and his word, aspects of his character, realities of life/death, etc.

### RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

*Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.*

Bridges, Jerry. *Trusting God*. NavPress, 1988.

Fabarez, Mike. *Lifelines for Tough Times*. Harvest House, 2018.

Furman, Dave. *Kiss the Wave*. Crossway, 2018.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray that Jesus would open the eyes of many who are spiritually blind in our community and nation.

Pray specifically for people you know that are suffering and ask for God to be glorified in it.

Pray for parents, teachers, and administrators in our community as they navigate a unique school year.

Pray for the Hurley family as they continue to seek to advance the cause of Christ in Uganda, a country that has been severely locked down throughout the pandemic.

## REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

Date	O.T.	Psalms	Gospels	N.T.
10/19/2020	Jeremiah 21-22	Psalms 119:49-56	John 4:1-15	James 3:13-18
10/20/2020	Jeremiah 23-24	Psalms 119:57-64	John 4:16-30	James 4:1-17
10/21/2020	Jeremiah 25-26	Psalms 119:65-72	John 4:31-45	James 5:1-12
10/22/2020	Jeremiah 27-29	Psalms 119:73-80	John 4:46-54	James 5:13-20
10/23/2020	Jeremiah 30-31	Psalms 119:81-88	John 5:1-17	1 Peter 1:1-12
10/24/2020	Jeremiah 32	Psalms 119:89-96	John 5:18-29	1 Peter 1:13-25