



John on Jesus

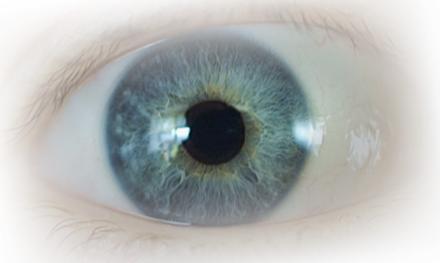
Born Blind

Small Group Work Sheet

November 18, 2012

Part 1 - Ice Breaker

This week, Hostess, the company that produces Twinkies and Wonder Bread, is in Bankruptcy court. They cite Americans' new interest in healthy foods for their financial decline. They were unwilling to make the necessary changes to meet the desires of American's new health-conscious culture. In what ways does the church need to change to stay alive?



Part 2 - Sermon Review

1. Read John 9. While Jesus gave physical sight to the blind man at one time, his spiritual eyes were opened gradually. What verses show this man's growing realization of Jesus' true identity?
2. Read Mark 2:27; Matthew 12:11-12; Mark 3:4. When Jesus healed on the Sabbath, he did it intentionally to provoke controversy. What was unhealthy about their understanding of the Sabbath that needed challenging?
3. Read Psalm 66:18; Isaiah 1:15; Proverbs 15:29; 1 Peter 3:7; James 5:16. The blind man concluded Jesus must not be a sinner (meaning practicing wickedness) because God heard his prayer. What is the relationship between the holiness of our life and God's response to our prayers?
4. Read Isaiah 43:8; 1 Corinthians 2:14; John 6:44. The Pharisees were presented with living proof of Jesus' power. Why did they deny the undeniable and try to refute the irrefutable?
5. Read John 12:46; Colossians 1:13; Ephesians 5:8; 2 Corinthians 4:6. When we tell others about Jesus, should it surprise us if they think we are nuts? When we tell others about Jesus, what should we pray God does in a heart?
6. Read (Exodus 8:15, 32; 9:34; 1 Samuel 6:6) and (Exodus 4:21; 7:3; 9:12; 10:1). The Bible tells us Pharaoh hardened his heart against God and God hardened Pharaoh's heart. What does this teach us about the danger of hardening our heart against God? (See Romans 1:21-25 for part of the answer.)