



Group Discussion Document

Ice Breaker:

• Share a time when you felt included or welcomed in a situation where you initially felt out of place. How did that experience impact you?

Short Summary of the Sermon: The sermon focused on John 9, where Jesus heals a man born blind. The preacher emphasized that while the blind man gained physical sight, those around him, including the disciples, townspeople, and Pharisees, were spiritually blind. The sermon highlighted Jesus' love for the marginalized and challenged us to see beyond physical appearances and societal labels. The story of Harley, a modern-day blind man, illustrated living out the scripture through joy, music, and faith despite physical blindness.

Group Questions:

- 1. How does the story of the blind man in John 9 challenge our understanding of sin and suffering?
- 2. In what ways do we, like the disciples or Pharisees, sometimes focus on judgment rather than compassion?
- 3. How can we cultivate a heart like Jesus, who had a "strange attraction for the unattractive"?
- 4. What are some modern-day examples of spiritual blindness that we might encounter in our communities?
- 5. How does Harley's story inspire you to live out your faith in practical ways?

Life Application: Reflect on areas in your life where you might be spiritually blind. Consider how you can open your eyes to see and love those who are marginalized or different from you. Think about practical steps you can take to be more inclusive and compassionate in your daily interactions.

Challenge: This week, intentionally reach out to someone who might feel marginalized or overlooked. Spend time with them, listen to their story, and find a way to show them the love of Christ. Share your experience with the group next week.