

Introduction

Series

Think see things - perspective

-physical perspective

-spiritual perspective

-males and females see things differently

I. Six Blind People

#1. Disciples (1-3)

-couldn't see his need

-concern for their doctrine

-like us "coffee cup" Christians

-class room without seeing

-where is their compassion? - where is ours?

#2. Neighbors (8-9)

-not the same

-speculate - look the other way

#3. Pharisees

-traditions screen out

-he couldn't be Christ

-concern to "explain"

-November 18, 1978 - Jim Jones - misled 900 people

#4. Parents (18-23)

-intimidated by the system

-blinded to the simple truth - joy

#5. The man born blind

-bounces around these others

-loving being able to see

-he understands the greatness of seeing

Both categories

Could not see

Would not see

"To refuse to see is to lose the capacity to see." - Clovis Chappell

-tell yourself something so long you can no longer see

#6. Find yourself there?

Used to folk

-used to attending

-used to believe

-used to be happy in faith

Sophisticated faith

-so sophisticated this is what God does (only)

Faithless faith

-God can't do that or this

-God won't do this or that

II. Sight Restored

1. Ready to see
 - willing to go to Siloam
 - didn't wait for an explanation
 - are you willing to let God wash you?
2. Ready to believe (25)
 - ready even though he doesn't know how
 - compare Pharisees - after we figure it out
3. The light "dawns"
 - A man (11) - simply reports
 - A prophet (17) -only a prophet could do this - future Messiah
 - From God (33)
 - Son of Man (35)
 - Lord (38) - personal
4. !!). Progressive Spiritual Illumination
 - guided by Jesus
 - just as his eyes were opened - greater work - heart is opened

III. New Eyes

1. Receive/ understand
 - understand the why/ motive
 - see how history unfolds
 - see the hurt around us
 - see our own sin - "father forgive them for they know not what they do"
 - see HIS hand in MY life
 - see His blessing
 - see His watch care
 - God puts this person in my life
 - see people CAN change
2. Ready to see
 - look today - 2,000 years ago
 - future kingdom - God can and will do things

Two Applications

1. The man born blind
 - a miracle happens - instead of bad (begging) its good
2. Beginning to see
 - 2 Scriptures:
 - you will know the truth and that truth will make you free
 - blessed are the pure in heart - they shall "see" God