



WEEK 5: WHAT NO ONE SEES

ICE BREAKER

WORSHIP

PRAYER

SERMON REWIND

Conflict intensifies as Jesus exposes the danger of religious performance disconnected from transformed hearts. The healing of the blind man unfolds in stages, mirroring the disciples' own partial vision. They see—but not clearly. This moment invites us to ask where tradition, distraction, or misplaced priorities may be distorting our view of God. Jesus is not content with surface-level faith; He patiently leads His followers toward deeper clarity and trust.

KEY VERSES

Look up these additional verses:

Mark 7:1-8:26 (NLT)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1

Jesus' Heart

Jesus challenges religious leaders performance while their hearts remain far from Him.

- a. Why do you think it's so easy for faith to become about behavior instead of relationship?
- b. Why is it important that we make faith less about us?

2

Inward Transformation

Culture teaches us to fix the outside so the inside will follow. Jesus teaches the opposite.

- a. Where do you see yourself focus on the outside more than inside? How has this affected you?
- b. How can we begin to focus more about the condition of our heart than the condition of what others see?

3

Placing Our Hearts on God

The Pharisees hearts were in the wrong place, misplacing their priority on tradition rather than God.

- a. Where have you felt like you were an imperfect disciple?
- b. How do you think God actually wants you to view Him?

4

Imperfect Disciples

Jesus doesn't abandon imperfect disciples—He diligently leads them.

- a. Who is God to you that you'd consider Him your refuge and that you'd be comforted to be still and trust Him?
- b. How might patience and grace, with yourself, make space for God to move?

What Shapes Our World?

Jesus cares deeply about the unseen part of our life (our heart posture and our actions).

- a. What disciplines, thoughts, or patterns currently shape your world?
- b. Which of those are helping you see Jesus more clearly—and which might be clouding your vision?

DIVE DEEPER

Reflection Questions: Jesus never condemns our blindness—but He doesn't want us to stay there either. Lifelong patterns could blind us from God's heart, but Jesus calls us to face what has made us blind, so He could heal our vision.

- What is a pattern that has been difficult to break that has caused pain to you and others around you?
- It's easy to shame ourselves—what do you think God thinks about you?

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Shaped Heart—Each day this week:

- Recognize and write down the patterns God is calling you to release.
- Ask God how He wants you to live.

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME

CLOSING SCRIPTURE

John 15:16-17 (NIV), *"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. This is my command: Love each other."*

Let the group rest in this truth as you close together in prayer.

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