

Week # 4
“Just Give Me Jesus” Series
Cedar Grove Church – March 6, 2016
Participants Guide

“A Blind Man Believing”
John 9 (*The Voice*)
Pastor Kevin Cavanaugh



GROUP DISCUSSION:

(Focus on the questions you feel might be most helpful for your group. You probably will not be able to get through all of them. Please change or add questions that better fit your group).

1. Describe the blind man’s situation as you see it. Try to put yourself in his shoes and imagine what his life must have looked like? How he made a living? What hope he had for the future?
2. Has there been a time in your life when you felt like a blind person? Describe the circumstances and what that must have felt like.
3. The Pharisee and Jewish understanding of the day was that physical deformities, sickness, etc. was the result of someone’s sin. It was a punishment for this. Can that be true? Do you know of a case where you’ve felt this way about someone’s physical or other challenge? How do you react to the response Jesus gave? Was Jesus right?
4. The Pharisees were on the attack against Jesus. List several reasons you think of as to why they were so upset with him. Why were they so disturbed about this healing taking place on the Sabbath day?
5. Do the Pharisees and religious leaders upset you? If yes, explain why. If not, why not?
6. Have you ever observed the attitude of the Pharisees in our day? If so, where and how did it show up?
7. As the healed blind man was questioned and re-questioned, his frustration increased and finally he exclaimed, *“I only know one thing: I was blind, and now I see.”* Later as Jesus pressed him he confessed, *“Lord, I do believe. The man bowed low to worship Jesus.”* Have you come to faith in Jesus through something he has done for you? Tell your group about it.

8. At the end of Sunday's message we were given "an eye exam." We were challenged to exam our level of LOVE. Who or when do you find it the hardest to love?
9. We also face the challenge of CULTURE. What cultural changes around you make you the most uncomfortable? How do you think we are to apply Jesus' love to those?
10. We all face the challenge of CHANGE. What have been the greatest changes in your life recently that you find the most upsetting? How do you think Jesus may want to help you cope with those?
11. Do you have a final observation or comment you would like to make about this John 9 story of the believing blind man? Or maybe a question you want to ask? Please share this with others.

PRAYER:

As you finish, share needs and close in prayer – also pray about any needs that may have been shared in the course of discussion. Also give thanks for ways that were shared in which God may have touched and transformed members of your group.

This week you may want to divide into smaller groups, e.g. men in one, women in another, or in 2's and 3's, to allow for more sharing and praying. Pray believingly for each other.