

Small Group Discussion Guide

“Now I See”

Based on John 9:1–41

Ice Breaker (10 minutes)

1. Summer Stories:

What are some of your favorite summer traditions or activities in the summer?

Read the Word (5-10 minutes)

John 9:1–41

Take turns reading the full passage aloud (or divide into 3 scenes)

- **Scene 1:** Jesus heals the man born blind (vv.1–7)
- **Scene 2:** The man is interrogated by neighbors and Pharisees (vv.8–34)
- **Scene 3:** Jesus finds the man again, and he believes (vv.35–41)

Digging Deeper (30–35 minutes)

Scene 1: Jesus Sees and Heals (vv.1–7)

Compassionate Sight

Jesus saw the man born blind and had compassion on him. How does Jesus' acknowledgement of people (Nicodemus (religious elite), Samaritan Woman, the man born blind) challenge your normal tendencies?

Faith and obedience

The man born blind hears and follows Jesus' command to “Go and wash”. What is the significance of his action? How does Romans 4:19-25 help clarify this?

Scene 2: The healed man is interrogated (vv.8–34)

Confusion & Clarity

How does the blind man's understanding of Jesus change throughout this section?

- v.11 — “The man called Jesus...”
- v.17 — “He is a prophet.”
- v.33 — “If this man were not from God...”

What does this gradual clarity teach us about the spiritual journey?

Resistance to the Light

Why are the Pharisees so resistant to Jesus, even in the face of a miracle?
What does their reaction reveal about their spiritual state?

Scene 3: Jesus Finds the Man (vv.35–41)

From Sir to Lord

When Jesus reveals himself as the “Son of Man,” the healed man says:
“*Lord, I believe.*” How does this final scene demonstrate full spiritual sight?

Seeing and Believing

Jesus says, “*I came into this world... so that those who do not see may see.*” How does this story reshape your understanding of what it means to “see” spiritually?

Living in the Gap (20 minutes)

The man from John 9 highlights two significant markers of the Christian life: Receiving the call from Jesus/responding in faith and yet waiting to see Jesus face to face. This presents us with the “gospel gap”—that space between *past forgiveness* and *future hope*. We’re living right there, in the in-between.

Gospel Gap Reflections

How are you managing in this “in-between” reality? Where in your life do you need the gospel to shine fresh light?

Identity, Process, and Provision

Three ways to persevere in the gap:

- **Identity:** You are a new creation in Christ.
- **Process:** God is still at work, shaping you even when it's unclear.
- **Provision:** God has given you the Spirit to help you grow.

Which of these are you most needing to lean into this week? Why?

Pray Together

- For spiritual clarity and growth
- For courage to walk in the “gap”
- For those in your life that need Jesus to give them spiritual sight
- For a deeper sense of our identity in Christ