

Giving Sight to the Blind

Discussion Questions for Mark 8:22-26

Open It

1. When have you experienced a time when God answered a prayer only partially?
2. Why do you think God would not answer prayer as we hope?
3. How do you respond when God answers your prayers completely?

Explore It

1. Where did the events of this story take place? (8:22)
2. What did the people do about the blind man's condition? (8:22)
3. Where did Jesus perform this miracle? (8:23)
4. How did Jesus get the blind man out of the village? (8:23)
5. How did Jesus heal the blind man? (8:23–25)
6. How did Jesus treat the blind man differently from the many other people He had healed? (8:23–26)
7. What do we learn about Jesus' character from the way He treated the blind man? (8:23–26)
8. What is unique about this healing compared to every other healing Mark recorded in his Gospel? (8:23–26)
9. What did the blind man see after the first touch from Jesus? (8:24)
10. What occurred after Jesus touched the blind man a second time? (8:25)
11. What did Jesus urge the man to do after he was healed? (8:26)

Get It

1. Why do you think Jesus returned to Bethsaida?
2. Why do you think the people begged Jesus to heal the blind man?
3. What connection do you think there is between this gradual healing and the disciples' slowness to understand who Jesus was?
4. Why do you think Jesus healed people in so many unique ways?
5. What difference does it make to you that God views us all as unique individuals and treats us according to our own needs?
6. How should Jesus' actions and attitudes in this story affect the way you represent Christ to others?
7. When has your "sight" been clouded by circumstances in your life?
8. How has God opened your eyes in a difficult situation?
9. Whom do you know who has been changed by Jesus but now needs a "second touch" in his or her life?
10. How could you help a person you know who needs a "second touch" from Jesus?
11. What have you learned from this passage about Jesus' attitude toward people?
12. How can you show thanks to the Lord for His personal interest in you as an individual?

Apply It

1. What can you do this week for someone in need?
2. What is one area of your life in which you can pray for God's healing?
3. How do you want to respond the next time the Lord answers prayer in an unexpected way?