

Seeing the Light
Jesus Offers Hope – Part 2
Life Church St. Louis – October 21, 2018
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Psalm 34:6 (ESV) This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him and saved him out of all his troubles.

Lamentations 3:21-22 (ESV) But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end;

John 1:4-5 (ESV) In him [Jesus] was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

1. Miracles bring God _____

John 9:1 (ESV) As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth.

1A. Sickness is not always caused by _____

John 9:2-3 (ESV) And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him.

1B. Jesus brings _____ into darkness

John 9:5-7 (ESV) As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man’s eyes with the mud and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

2. Miracles cause _____

2A. Neighbors _____ the miracle

John 9:8-9 (ESV) The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some said, “It is he.” Others said, “No, but he is like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.”

2B. Religious leaders _____ Jesus

John 9:16 (ESV) Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” And there was a division among them.

2C. Parents _____ knowledge

John 9:22 (ESV) (His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.)

3. Miracles change _____

John 9:24-25 (ESV) So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, “Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.”

3A. Miracles _____ the healed

John 9:32-33 (ESV) Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.

3B. Miracles bring _____

John 9:34 (ESV) They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out.

3C. Miracles bring _____

John 9:35, 38 (ESV) Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” ... He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him.

Action Plan for This Week

- ☐ Have a daily quiet time of Bible reading & prayer.
 - ☐ Mon ☐ Tue ☐ Wed ☐ Thu ☐ Fri ☐ Sat ☐ Sun
 - ☐ Invite a friend for our message series **Jesus Offers Hope** next Sunday.
 - ☐ How will I obey God’s Word this week? _____
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Seeing the Light Study Guide

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Intro. What is a basis for hope according to Psalm 34:6?

What is another basis for hope according to Lamentations 3:21-22?

Describe specific situations where you could use these verses to bring hope to someone.

How does the light of Jesus shine in the darkness (John 1:4-5)? In what ways does light offer hope?

1A. What would the life of a man born blind be like in Jesus' time (John 9:1)?

1B. According to the disciples, why was the man born blind (John 9:2)?
According to Jesus, why was the man born blind (John 9:3)?

1C. Why did Jesus instruct the man to do something in order to be healed (John 9:5-7)?

1D. In what kind of situations is a miracle needed? What should our attitude be when faced with those kind of situations in our or other's lives?

2A. Why are miracles so controversial, both in Jesus' time and today?

2B. What prompted the neighbors to doubt what had happened (John 9:8-9)?

2C. What was behind the Pharisees accusation of Jesus (John 9:16)?

2D. Why did the blind man's parents not answer questions (John 9:22)?

2E. What would you say to someone who didn't believe that the kind of miracles recorded in the Bible happen today?

3A. In what ways is the healed man an example of what a witness for Jesus should say (John 9:24-25)?

3B. How do you see the spiritual eyes of the blind man being opened (John 9:32-33)?

3C. Why did the Pharisees respond so harshly to the healed man (John 9:34)?

3D. What does John 9:35-38 tell us about the essence of salvation?

3E. What are some ways that you can let your light shine brighter for Jesus?