

The Life Challenge

I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." John 10:10

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WARM - UP

What is your definition of spiritual blindness? Is there a danger of not being aware of our own spiritual blindness, even as believers? Discuss this as a group and come up with a working definition.

DISCUSSION

1. It's interesting that the disciples asked the wrong question. They want to know if it is this or that. Jesus gives a different reason. What is that reason (verse 3) and what do you think about this answer? Does it make sense or does it trouble you at all?
2. How does it change the way you look at challenges in life?
3. Read the whole dialogue (out loud) between the man who was healed of blindness and the Pharisee's interrogation (v. 8 to 34). Make a list of all the areas the Pharisees remained spiritually blind. Make a list of the areas the healed man gained spiritual sight (in addition to physical sight).
 - What conclusions can you see in the 2 lists?

DISCUSSION

4. In verse 39 Jesus begins to summarize the truth of spiritual blindness. Re-visit your original definition of spiritual blindness. Does it need to change? What areas do you personally need to stay alert on not to fall into spiritual blindness?

5. Unpack verse 41. Guilt and blindness - What is your key takeaway from this truth? (Romans 2:17-29 is an excellent commentary on this truth. Feel free to read this as a cross-reference)

APPLICATION

It's always challenging to admit that we can have Pharisee blindness on certain topics. What areas of life is the Holy Spirit showing you that blindness may be creeping in? Is there a particular challenge or relationship which you struggle to see correctly? Confess about this if needed and then pray to see it from a Jesus' light of the world perspective. Ask others to help to take away spiritual blindness. This may be hard but its what a healthy body of Christ does for each other.