



## BREAKING THE ICE

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What is the last book you read or movie you saw that you couldn't stop talking about?

If you were to lose your sight, what is the one thing you would miss the most?

## MAIN CONTENT

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Read John 9:1-2

The disciples asked Jesus, "Why was this man born blind?"

1. Why do you think we tend to ask similar questions when we go through difficult times and situations?

Read John 9:3

Drew taught us that the pain, brokenness, struggle or blindness in our lives may not be due to any fault of our own. It might be there so that the glory of God can be on display. God doesn't cause our suffering. Our suffering is a product of this broken world. Yet, God uses our suffering to show His power in our lives.

2. What do you think of the idea that we might experience suffering in order to bring glory to God?

Read John 9:6-25

The people in the town were all amazed because they knew the man's story. He was changed. He had been blind all his life, but now he could see. Your story is powerful, too. No one can discount or take away what Jesus has done in your life.

3. What did the blind man really know about Jesus? How much do you need to know about Jesus in order to tell someone your faith story?

4. If you were ever asked how Jesus has changed your life, what would you include in your story?

Read John 9:35-41

Jesus always had a deeper meaning and wanted to teach us about the spiritual blindness and brokenness in our own life. The miracle that Jesus performed was less about physical blindness and more about spiritual blindness. Jesus healed this man as an opportunity to get to the heart of the real problem: many of us walk around with spiritual blinders on.

5. What could the Pharisees not see? What do you think was the sin they were guilty of?

Drew gave us a test to determine if we are spiritually blind. He said that when you're spiritually blind, there are two realities you can't see: the realities of sin and the realities of grace. When your eyes are opened, you realize how broken and sinful you are, yet at the same time you realize how deep and wide the grace of Jesus is.

6. Has there been a time in your life when your eyes were opened to the truth about your own brokenness and need for Jesus? Share your story with your group.

Drew taught us that when Jesus enters our story and we receive our sight, worship is a natural and appropriate response.

7. Why do you think it is important to respond in worship once your eyes have been opened?

## CLOSING PRAYER

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Jesus, You are the light of the world. Would You shine the light of Your love and grace into our hearts? When our path becomes difficult, open our spiritual eyes to see Your power and goodness at work. May we see Your glory on display and worship You always.

## ACTION STEP

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+ Instead of focusing solely on your problems, seek how God could use your problems to demonstrate his power.

+ Jesus asked the blind man to wash in the pool of Siloam (a difficult journey) in order to receive his sight. Be willing to trust and obey Jesus when he calls you to do something difficult.

+ You may not know everything about doctrine or theology, but you can share what Jesus has done for you ("I know this: I was blind and now I see"). Look for opportunities to tell someone your "God story."