

R Group Discussion Questions

9.20.26

Text: John 9:13-34

1. The Pharisees were so focused on their religious rules that they could not recognize what Jesus had done right in front of them. What are some “fences” we can be tempted to build around our faith? When can good things like Bible reading, prayer, church attendance, giving, morality, or ministry become a source of security in ourselves rather than a response to God’s grace?
2. The parents of the formerly blind man were afraid of being put out of the synagogue. What do you think they were most afraid of losing—acceptance, reputation, relationships, belonging, or something else? Where are you most tempted to remain quiet about Jesus because you fear what others might think or how they might respond?
3. The formerly blind man doesn't have all the answers, but he knows what Jesus has done: “I was blind, and now I see.” How can his example encourage us when we feel inadequate to answer someone's questions about Christianity or defend our faith? What are some things you *do* know about what Jesus has done in your life that you can faithfully share with others?
4. Following Jesus cost the formerly blind man something, but Jesus Himself experienced rejection so that we could be welcomed and accepted by God. How does the gospel change the way we think about the possibility of rejection or suffering for identifying with Jesus?
5. As you consider the sermon as a whole, which direction are you moving—toward the light of Jesus or away from it—and what is one specific way you can move toward Him this week?

Next Week: John 9:35-41