



Gary Inrig – The Miracles (But Now I See)

Read the Chapter in Advance of the Weekly Study. Make a Mental Note or Jot Down Something That Stood Out To You – and “Why? (Something strike you - strange – new or different?)”

Week 12 – Read Chapter Twelve – But Now I See - The Blind Man In The Temple

Read – John 9:1-41

***NOTE:** Before beginning it is always good to see if there are any immediate prayer needs among the group and be sure to include within opening prayer. Remind all too that ... *“What we say here stays here” so there is freedom in sharing – we are all learning from each other and from the Holy Spirit together – “Iron sharpens Iron” (Proverbs 27:17)*

Opening Prayer: Lord God – thank You for Your Word – Your Word is truth – it is the bread of life – that by it we may see – help us now see You more clearly as never before we pray in Jesus’ name Amen!

Overview: In this chapter - Gary explores the account of Jesus healing a man born blind, showing that spiritual blindness is far more dangerous than physical blindness, and spiritual sight is an even greater gift than physical. This miracle contrasts with the *willful blindness* of the religious leaders who refused to see Jesus for who He truly was. True faith is not just blind faith, but belief grounded in good and solid evidence. Jesus is the light of the world, and He illuminates not only our physical vision but transforms our spiritual understanding as well. This miracle serves as an *‘illuminating’ reminder* that Christ came to give sight to the blind—spiritually—and that some remain willfully blind not from lack of evidence, but from refusal to bow their knee to Jesus.

1. **Physical blindness points to spiritual blindness** - The greater problem isn't what we can't see with our eyes, but what we refuse to see with our hearts.
2. **Suffering isn't always directly linked to personal sin** - God's purposes in suffering are often mysterious, but always sovereign and gracious.
3. **Jesus works miracles to reveal His identity** – and serve to draw people to faith - a sign pointing to Jesus as the Light of the World.
4. **Spiritual sight naturally leads to worship** - When we see Jesus for who He truly is, the natural response is to fall on our knees in worship.

“Whether He is a sinner [or not] I do not know.

One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see.”- John 9:25

Read Together: John 9:1-41



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Share a time when you saw or experienced something ***awesomely beautiful*** (truly magnificent) for the first time, or when you gained understanding about something that had previously confused you. (*That Light Bulb Moment*) How did that change your perspective?

2. What assumptions did the disciples make about the blind man's condition? Do you see or make similar assumptions today?

3. What did it require for the blind man to obey Jesus' instructions? What does this reveal for us?

4. Have you ever struggled with questions about why God allows suffering? Does John 9:3 prompt you to think differently about suffering? Can you identify a time when God used difficulty in your life as a platform for His glory?

5. That old familiar saying - "*There are none so blind as those who will not see.*" - demonstrates how some people today - practice "elective skepticism" toward Jesus. Are there any areas in your life where you might be resisting what God is showing you?



Things to Do this Week - Try to Put At Least One into Practice (These are only thought starters) –

- **Serve someone** suffering - Instead of speculating about why someone is going through difficulty, find a practical way to help them this week.
- **Examine your heart** - Spend time in prayer asking God to reveal any areas where you might be spiritually blind or resistant to His truth.
- **Practice gratitude** - Make a list of the ways Jesus has given you "sight" - understanding, hope, purpose, forgiveness - and spend time in worship.

Closing Prayer: *(this prayer is only a suggestion - please pray on your own as the Holy Spirit leads)*
–Note: If there are any needs that have arisen during the study tonight – lift these up - especially.

Thank You Lord for your revelation of truth and light – help us to have eyes to see those who are walking through this world hurting or suffering. Lord use us for Your Glory and their eternal good! Help us to see You - Jesus more clearly - and worship You more fully. Help us too to be like You and give us the courage to stand counter-culturally- in a world that refuses to see You. In Jesus' name, we pray- Amen!