



WHERE MY MALADY MEETS THE MASTER'S MINISTRY

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Get a Grip & Get a Life // Truth That Divides // John 9:1-17

CONNECT – Announcements, Getting to Know One Another, & Getting Started

1. Is there anything noteworthy that is going on in your life right now? Where have you seen God at work in your life or the lives of others recently?
2. What is something simple that makes you smile?

REFLECT - Out of the Word and Into Our Lives

3. From a fresh reading of John 9:1-17, what's one thing that speaks to you in your current walk?
4. What's one thing from Sunday's sermon that you hope we talk about as a group?
5. Pastor Jeremy told a historical example in the life of Fanny Crosby and a biblical example in the apostle Paul of how individuals have allowed their lives to be the stage for Christ's ministry. Can you share any examples from your own life of individuals who have faced one or more maladies and used them as a platform to champion the cause of Christ?
6. When has there been some malady in your own life that might have kept you from exalting yourself similar to what Paul faced in 2 Cor. 12:7-10?
7. Pastor Jeremy talked about our importance of sharing the light of the gospel while there's still opportunity knowing that night is coming. Who or what comes to mind when you think of the prospect of a coming night when individuals will no longer be able to work the works that will lead others to eternal life (John 9:4-5)?
8. With clay from the ground, Jesus reformed the blind man's eyes. If you could ask God to reform any part of you, what would it be?
9. **Smaller Group (Gender-Specific) Discussion Question:** What malady are you encountering in your life now or have you encountered in the past that you just couldn't see HOW it might fit into God's plan?
10. Drawing from the example of the man born blind in John 9:13-17, Pastor Jeremy encouraged us to pursue the "Who" even when we can't explain the "how." What do you know to be true about the Savior this passage encourages us to pursue even when we don't understand what's going on?

PROTECT - Prayer Prompt

Did any individuals who might need to hear the gospel from someone in your group arise when you talked about your answer to question #7? If so, pray for those individuals and ask for wisdom so that participants in your group will know how to share the hope of Christ with those individuals. Also pray for any prayer requests that individuals in your group may have shared.



Individual Options for Going Deeper

The topic of how the sins of parents might impact their children is a heavy one, especially in light of passages like Exodus 20:5-6. Take a look at the following articles to catch a couple of perspectives on what is meant by the truth that God inflicts punishment of the fathers on the children to third and fourth generations of those who hate Him.

<https://www.gotquestions.org/parents-sin.html>

<https://bibleproject.com/podcast/does-god-curse-generations/>

Announcements

Add the following dates for remaining church-wide fellowship events to your yearly calendar (maybe just take a picture for now):

- April 4 – Church Night Out with the Greensboro Grasshoppers baseball vs. Asheville @ 6:30pm
- June 1 – Church-Wide Picnic at Stokesdale Community Part @12:30pm
- July 13 – Ice Cream Social (also a Bible Camp follow-up)
- August 2 – ServeNC (day of serving in partnership with local outreach ministries)
- October 12 – Soup, Sandwich, & Game Night @ TBA
- November 1 – Love My Neighbors Day (day of serving local neighbors through practical service projects)
- December 17 – Christmas Caroling @ TBA