

## I SAW HIM WHEN I COULDN'T SEE HIM

March 9, 2025

**Get a Grip & Get a Life // Truth That Divides // John 9:35-41**

### CONNECT – Announcements (page 2) & Building Relationships

1. Is there anything noteworthy that is going on in your life since last week? Where have you seen God at work in your life or the lives of others since we last met?
2. Who in your life has helped you “see” things more clearly - about God, yourself, or others?

### REFLECT - Out of the Word and Into Our Lives

3. From a fresh reading of John 9:35-41 [read it together], what’s one thing that speaks to you in your current walk?
4. What’s one thing from this week’s sermon that you hope we talk about as a group?
5. What condition were you in when Jesus found you, and in what ways has he healed you?
6. Pastor Jeremy pointed to verse 37 and how the man who was formerly blind saw Jesus spiritually before he ever saw Him physically. In what ways do people today “see” Jesus without really believing in Him?
7. How does your belief in Christ show up in your day-to-day worship and not just on Sundays?
8. Restate in your own words Jesus’ description of His mission in verse 39. What did He mean?
9. Why is self-righteousness one of the greatest hindrances to believing in Christ? How can we help self-righteous people see their sin?
10. Who do you know that might feel “put out” or left behind by others (like the formerly blind man)? How could we reach out to them as the church this week to encourage them with the love of Christ?
11. **Smaller Group (Gender-Specific) Discussion Questions:** Is there any area where our group might be able to help you trust Jesus more fully or surrender to Him more completely? How can this group support you?

### PROTECT - Prayer Prompt (you can do this as a combined or divided group)

Share any prayer requests you might have with one another. Then enter a time of prayer together with your leader calling out the following prompts (add to these any requests gathered). Give any who are willing the opportunity to offer up single sentence prayers that build on the prayers offered up by other group members. Its OK to pray more than once, and the leader should decide when to introduce the next prompt.

- *Requests from our group*
- Let’s thank God for how He has pursued us, even in our seasons of wandering or blindness.



- Let's ask God to open our spiritual eyes to see Him beyond the many varieties of blind spots in our lives.
- Let's pray words of worship to God for the wonderful things He has done in Christ.

## Announcements

Our "Men of Vision" Men's Ministry will be meeting this coming Saturday, 3/15, in the church café at 8am for **Men's Breakfast**. **Men**: come for some good breakfast, fellowship, and time in the Word.

**Ladies**: encourage your men to come for some good breakfast, fellowship, and time in the Word 😊

NC Baptists are hosting their annual **Missions Conference** in Winston-Salem at Calvary Baptist Church this coming Friday and Saturday (3/14-15). Our own Paul Hooker will be leading break-out sessions on Disaster Relief. While the Saturday session is now full (yes, fellas, you can still make Saturday's breakfast), there's still availability for the Friday session, which will feature authors Lee Strobel and Jennifer Rothschild. For more information, visit

<https://baptistsonmission.org/Events/Missions-Conference>

Our next Red Cross **Blood Drive** will be hosted at the church on Monday, 3/24 from 3-7:30pm. Sign up to give via <https://nvf.life/blooddrive>

## Individual Options for Going Deeper

Have you ever explored the video testimonies made available on I Am Second? Visit the URL below and check out well-edited testimonies from a variety of individuals who have overcome blind spots in their own lives in a number of areas (addiction, anxiety & depression, grief, identity, pride, etc.). Are you on social media? If so, share one or more of these testimonies as a way to help others see their own blind spots and how Christ can help them.

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