

WEEK 49:

SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS

PRIMARY SCRIPTURE:

Luke 18:35-43 and 19:28-46

RELATED SCRIPTURES:

Psalm 22, Isaiah 52-53, John 9, Acts 26:12-18, Colossians 1:15, 1 Timothy 6:3-10

“I am sending you to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.”

Jesus to Paul (Acts 26:17-18)

LIFEGROUP DISCUSSION:

Read Luke 18:35-43 and 2 Corinthians 4:1-6. What did Jesus do in your life to open your eyes to the glory of the gospel? Who did He put around you to help you understand and answer your questions about God and what He's done for us in Jesus?

If people are spiritually blind to the gospel, what are some implications for how we go about

Read Luke 18:31-34. Why was it so difficult for the disciples to understand Jesus' description of what awaited Him in Jerusalem? When in your life has Jesus been different than your expectations? How did you respond?

Reference Luke 19:35-46. Which of the three symptom/causes of spiritual blindness mentioned in the sermon (political power, religious activity or financial comfort) did you relate to the most? Why is it tempting to believe that they will solve the problems in your life and in our world?

What about your life would change if you filtered these issues through a gospel lens? What steps of repentance do you need to take?

Prayer: Ask Jesus' Spirit to open our eyes to our sinful blind spots; to help us focus on the glory of the gospel as the real hope for the brokenness in our lives and in our world; and to lead us to prayerfully give our lives towards seeing our non-believing friends' eyes opened to who God is and what He's done for sinners like us.