

"Seeing As Jesus Sees"

John 9:1-7

Central Thought: *Jesus routinely looked past outwardness to the "heart" of the matter in both circumstances and people. Instead of being jaded, dazzled, impressed or fooled by the world, He saw it as deceived and in need of compassion. Instead of seeing people as together, self-sufficient and whole, He viewed them with a sense of urgency as blind and needing a Savior. What do we see?*

- 1) Jesus saw a m_____, precious to God and created in His image.
 - Seeing past the e_____ to the heart.

- 2) Jesus' disciples saw a theological p_____.
 - Missing the p_____ because of the circumstances.

- 3) With a r_____ perspective Jesus had:
 - A radical view of s_____ — "the work of God..."
 - A focused sense of u_____ — "as long as it is day..."
 - A reliable self-i_____ — "I am the light of the world."

Some application questions:

- 1) What affects your self-worth most negatively? Positively? How reliable are these things?
- 2) How do you reconcile with the reality that suffering can serve to display the work of God in our lives?
- 3) What kinds of things cause you to ignore the plight of others?
- 4) Do you ever think that underprivileged people perhaps deserve it?
- 5) What behavior in others causes you to see them as less than created in God's image?
- 6) What would a renewed "Jesus-perspective" look like in your life? What would be different?

<p>Word bank: external, identity, man, person, problem, renewed, suffering, urgency,</p>
