

Elders Discipleship Group 8

Purpose of the Elders Discipleship Group: To Train and Equip Discipleship Group leaders to lead more effectively.

Key Theme: Vision

Key Truth: Walking in alignment to have our spiritual eyes opened.

Read: Vision that is partial can be just as dangerous as no vision. In Mark 8:22-25 we see Jesus heal a blind man and give him sight, but there are some key things I want us to unpack in this area of having our spiritual eyes opened to see.

Mark 8:22-25 And they came to Bethsaida. And they brought a blind man to Jesus and implored Him to touch him. Taking the blind man by the hand, He brought him out of the village; and after spitting on his eyes and laying His hands on him, He asked him, "Do you see anything?" And he looked up and said, "I see men, for I see them like trees, walking around." Then again He laid His hands on his eyes; and he looked intently and was restored, and began to see everything clearly.

Key observation points to meditate on and over.

- 1. The people brought the blind man to Christ. Only Christ can open the spiritual eyes of our heart to see what is contained in Himself through His touch. If Christ doesn't open them we remain blind.
- 2. Jesus took the man out of his comfort zone and what he knew to heal him. He took him out of his city, his known zone. For the eyes of our heart to have greater vision, we also need to be taken out of what we know and be led into an unknown place.
- 3. Jesus spat on the man's eyes and laid hands on him. Man's ways of learning and doing things don't open the eyes of our spirit to see.
- 4. Partial sight is a very dangerous thing as you start speaking of a new found reality (I see men like trees), which isn't Truth and people who have no sight or partial sight, start believing that men look like trees. You end up teaching a false gospel.
- 5. The man began to see everything clearly. Absolute clarity of vision is the key to this abundant resource filled eternal life in Christ and the gospel of Jesus Christ being handled and spoken accurately.

Questions:

- 1. What impacts you the most from these points and why?
- 2. Put yourself in this man's shoes. You were blind but now you see. What emotions are you experiencing right now?
- 3. How is this new sight/vision going to impact your life?
- 4. When was the last time you would say you received fresh revelation from the Spirit about something you were blinded to?

Action: What do you sense God asking you to put into action after going through this resource?

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