

Discovery Notes

John 9:1-41

Getting to know me

Name a person that you admire and why?

About the Sermon

Sit back and consider the sermon for a moment. What one or two points really struck you, challenged you, encouraged you, and changed your mind and heart? What illustration do you remember and what did it illustrate? Was anything new to you? What questions do you still have?

Into the Bible

A study of the counter-intuitiveness of the Kingdom of God (1 Sam 16:1-13; Matt 19:28-30, 20:1-16; Lk 14:7-11, 18:9-14, 15-17; Jn 9:39; 1 Cor 1:26-29; 2 Cor 8:9 and ultimately Phil 2:6-11)

Application

- How do you deal with the issue of Suffering and God being Good (aka Theodicy)? What specifically do you struggle with? What are your questions? How have you come to terms with them?
- The Parents of the blind man were fearful of being thrown out of the synagogue and thus held their tongue. How does the “Fear of Man” manifest itself in your life? Think of the upcoming ALPHA outreach. How specifically does your fear of man control you? Looking back, what area(s) of your life do you think have been controlled by Fear of Man?
- What are your questions around v. 3, that this man suffered for *years* in order that Jesus’ glory might be displayed? Do you know someone who lived or suffered for God’s Glory? What did it look like? How specifically do you live for God’s glory? How do you respond to the statement in the sermon: “Your life is not about you”? (please see 1 Cor 6:19-20)
- How can we understand our own blindness better? Are you willing to admit that you are “blind” in some spiritual areas? Kent Hughes writes: Oh! How happy are the meek, those who allow others to assert that they are poor sinner.” Honestly, are you willing to allow others to point out your blindnesses? Have you in the past? If so, how? If not, why don’t you allow people to speak into your life?