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You are invited to attend our next

MEET & GREET



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MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

BEGINS JANUARY 24



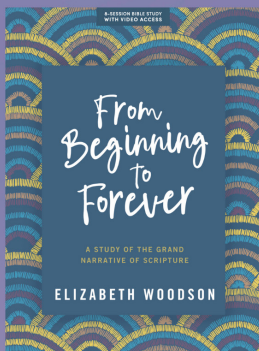
TUESDAYS | 7PM

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REGISTER TODAY:



Our Men's and Women's Bible Studies are gearing up on January 24! Sign up today! Scan the QR codes on the graphic



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WOMEN'S WINTER BIBLE STUDY

BEGINS JANUARY 24

TUESDAYS 9AM & 7PM

CHILDCARE PROVIDED

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ENCOUNTER JESUS

Week 17 | I ONCE WAS BLIND | John 9:1-41

THOUGH I WAS BLIND NOW I SEE

The title, "I Once Was Blind" implies that now, through some circumstance, we can see. Of course, that's exactly what happened to the man in our story. A man, who was blind from birth, encountered Jesus and gained his sight. Jesus had just left a dangerous confrontation with the Pharisees where He proclaimed to be, "I Am". He left that confrontation and walked by the blind man. Jesus took the time to stop and minister to him.

Leaders: Take your group through each section: Pray, Reflect, and Reach. Keep in mind the time allowances. In the Reflect section, feel free to focus on several of these questions instead of all as time allows.



PRAY (10 min)

As a Life Group, pray that God would lead you through his study and speak to you. Ask Him to shine a light on all the recesses of your mind and heart and do a work in you today.



REFLECT (25 min)

As you've had the opportunity to reflect on what God has spoken to you through the lesson this week, consider these questions as a group and discuss them.

1. **Define what spiritual blindness is. How is it similar or different to physical blindness? Are people who call themselves Christians ever spiritually blind? How can we gain or regain our spiritual sight?**

ISN'T IT AMAZING THAT EVEN IN THE MIDST OF A TENSE SITUATION JESUS STOPPED TO TALK TO ONE OF "THE LEAST OF THESE"? SO OFTEN WE CAN'T SEEM TO FIND THE TIME TO STOP AND TALK, OR PRAY FOR SOMEONE. SOMETIMES IT'S EVEN A CHALLENGE TO THINK WHAT ANOTHER PERSON MAY BE GOING THROUGH.

2. **What things keep you from interacting with people? Is there anything more important than sharing the love of Christ and His hope with someone?**

THE MAN IN THE PASSAGE SHARED HIS UNIQUE STORY SEVERAL TIMES. IT WAS SIMPLE, STRAIGHTFORWARD, AND IN THE LANGUAGE OF THE COMMON DAY. HE MAY HAVE BEEN UNEDUCATED, UNRELIGIOUS, AND UNIMPRESSIVE, BUT HE WAS SINCERE AND TOLD HIS STORY OUT OF A HEART OF GRATITUDE AND WONDER.

3. **Do you ever get caught up with fears or insecurities about sharing Christ? What can you learn from this story? Share your story with your group.**

ENCOUNTER JESUS



WEEKLY MEMORIZATION VERSE

John 9:25

One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.



RESOURCE TO BUILD DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT



Encounter Jesus Page

Pastor Derek has assembled additional resources to help you build a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit on the sermon series page on our website. You can find it by scanning here or click on the link found on our homepage.



REACH (5 min)

This week, make it a point to share the unique story that Christ has written in your life from a sincere heart. Pray that God will lead you to the person, make the moment clear to you, and give you courage.