



DISCUSSION GUIDE DECEMBER 19TH, 2021

Dive In

Go around and let everyone answer...

Tell about the favorite gift you've ever given to someone?

What that gift and/or moment so special?

Dig Deep

Read Scripture: John 9:1-12

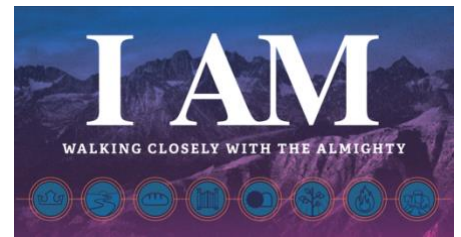
As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. ² His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"³ "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴ As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵ While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

⁶ After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. ⁷ "Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means "Sent"). So, the man went and washed, and came home seeing. ⁸ His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, "Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?" ⁹ Some claimed that he was. Others said, "No, he only looks like him." But he himself insisted, "I am the man."¹⁰ "How then were your eyes opened?" they asked.¹¹ He replied, "The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see."¹² "Where is this man?" they asked him. "I don't know," he said.

- How does Jesus expose who we really are?
- What does Jesus mean when he says, "I am the light of the world"? What are some implications of this statement in regards to humanity?
- What areas of your life used to be in darkness but are now in the light?
- What areas of your life or family could use more exposure to the light of Jesus?
- What steps will you take this week to expose those darker places to Jesus?

Do Big

- What are some examples of "dark places" in the community of Murfreesboro?
- How could our group bring the light of Jesus to these places?
- As a group, how will we implement these ideas before the end of the year?



LEADERS

Read John 8 and 9

Background:

The bible commonly uses the idea of light and darkness to contrast evil (sin) and goodness (God, holiness, righteousness). In the passage, Jesus isn't just healing a man from permanent physical darkness (blindness) but is also using this opportunity to symbolize his ability to bring people from darkness into light.

Key Thoughts

Those who think they can "see" are actually blind to the things of God. Humility opens one's heart to the work of God.

Challenge

Think about the areas of your life that could be improved. How can humbling yourself before Jesus bring His light into your darkness? Ask Jesus to replace your darkness with His light.

Weekly Memory

Verse

¹² When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

John 8:12

