

February 1st Week
Jesus, the Light of the World

- **Text:** John 9:1~7 (February 1 text)
- **Point:** Jesus, who is the light, opens our eyes to the way of truth, the way of salvation.

≡ **1. Prayer**

Thank you, good God, for knowing everything about us and guiding us in love. Please let us understand Your will and obey it through worship .

≡ **2. Praise**

(Worship and praise) 주의 보좌로 나아갈 때에

≡ **3. The Word**

Read John 9:1~7 together (read the verse 3 times).

* Reading the Word over and over again in different translations will help you to deepen your understanding of the material.

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Understanding Text

Some people attribute illness or disability to sin. But Jesus healed a man who was born blind by looking at him with God's eyes. The blind man obeyed Jesus' words and went to the pool of Siloam to wash, and then came back with his eyes brightened. This is a sign that reveals Jesus who came as the light.

Understanding the text for leaders

The 'signs' mentioned in the Gospel of John contain the message that Jesus is trying to teach through the subject of miracles. The incident in which the eyes of a man who was born blind was opened in the text is a sign that announces the "coming of Jesus as light." In chapter 8, Jesus refers to Himself as "the light of the world" (8:12). And in chapter 9, tell us about the opening of the blind man's eyes. When Jesus was walking with His disciples, he met a blind man who had been blind since birth. The disciples were reminded of the Jewish people's thoughts at the time (getting sick or suffering because of sin). Based on the question, "Whose sin is this man unable to see?" the disciples asked. Jesus said that it was not because of someone's sin, but that He might reveal in him the works of God. He spit on the ground, kneaded the dirt, applied it to his eyes, and told him to go to Siloam to wash. He obeyed the word and went to Siloam, washed, and came back with his eyes brightened. John doesn't just tell us that the blind man has his eyes opened. He then writes about the Pharisees who condemn Jesus for healing on the Sabbath, and the parents of blind men who are hesitant to testify because they fear that they will be expelled from Judaism for believing in Jesus. However, the person who opened his eyes proudly testifies that Jesus opened his eyes and says that he knows that Jesus is the Son of God. Ironically, the Pharisees and Jewish religious leaders who claimed to study the law did not know Jesus as the Christ, so Jesus called them blind (9:39~41).

4. Sharing

1) When Jesus met a blind man, he asked why he had not been able to see since birth? (verse 3) How did Jesus heal him? Verses 6~7)

Upper Grades

What was Jesus trying to show through a man who was born blind? (verses 5~7)

Lower Grades

What did Jesus say made a man who was born blind do that? (verse 3).

Question Guide

Jesus didn't condemn man's illness because of "sin." He said that God was trying to show what He was doing in a blind man. Share how Jesus, who introduces himself as the "Light of the World," heals the blind. Bear in mind that the blind man who washed in Siloam and returned with bright eyes not only opened his natural eyes, but also his spiritual eyes to recognize Jesus as the Son of God.

Comments for Leaders

Jesus is the Son of God who came as the light of the world. The miracle in this passage is a sign performed by Jesus, and it is important to note that the blind man met Jesus, who is the light, and not only opened his eyes, but also realized that Jesus is the Son of God. After the blind man opened his eyes, an argument with the Pharisees continued (9:13~34). The Pharisees were not physically blind, but they were like spiritually blind people who did not recognize who Jesus was and did not know God's will. On the other hand, the man who was blind can see that his spiritual vision has been enlightened through his confession.

He confessed that he was "the one who called Jesus" (9:11), "a prophet" (9:17), "a man from God" (9:33), and "the Lord" (9:38), and he became a clear acquaintance of Jesus. The blind man who confessed Jesus, the light of the world, as Lord became a child of God whose sins were forgiven and saved.

2) Share how much faith (spiritual) vision you have. If your eyes of faith are dark, pray together to open your eyes of faith to Jesus, who is the light.

■ **Upper Grades**

Pray to Jesus, the light, to open wide the eyes of your faith, which are still dark and cloudy.

■ **Lower Grades**

I pray that Jesus, who is the light, will open wide the eyes of my faith.

□ **Question Guide**

When you go to an ophthalmologist or optician, they take an eye chart and test your eyes to see how good or bad your eyes are. In the same way, measure the extent of your faith vision. Think about the challenges you face when your physical vision is poor, and share what happens when your faith is blind. Let them know that the sight of faith is more important because it is connected to salvation and eternal life.

□ **Comments for Leaders**

Jesus' healing opened the eyes of the blind man and opened not only his physical eyes but also his spiritual eyes. However, the Pharisees and the teachers of the law still did not recognize who the Lord Jesus was, and they were in the position of resisting God, claiming to be the leaders of faith in God. I want us to check whether we are opening our eyes of faith and how clearly we see Jesus in our lives. Also, share what kind of effort and practice it will take to open the eyes of faith.

≡ **5. Be grateful**

Thank God for opening your eyes of faith to believe in Jesus and save you.

≡ **6. Prayer**

Thank you, God, for coming to us as a light in our darkness so that we can know Jesus clearly and live by faith. Please keep us awake to the Word and prayers so that our eyes of faith will not be clouded, and let us follow only Jesus, who is the light, all the way through our lives.

- End the family worship service with the "Lord's Prayer"