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## John 9:13-41 – Blind or believing?

### Small Group Questions

Pray for God's help as you turn to look at His word, to understand and respond rightly to what you'll see. Read through the passage and then discuss these questions together.

*Sunday's talk: How spiritual sight develops, How spiritual blindness deepens, A sight worth seeing.*

1. Being able to see is very precious. Are there times when you are particularly aware of this?
2. This man's 'spiritual sight' – i.e. really seeing who Jesus is – develops gradually (v12, v17, v25, v33, v38). Can you relate to his experience of gradually 'seeing' Jesus and Jesus' glory more clearly?
3. This man admits what he doesn't know about Jesus (v12, 25a) without letting go of what he does know (v25b). How can we hold onto what we do know about Jesus in the midst of what we don't know?
4. This man's spiritual sight develops alongside his *courage* – he opens his mouth and speaks about Jesus, and as a result his own eyes are further opened to who Jesus is. How does his example encourage you and challenge you? What would it look like for you to be more open with others about Jesus?
5. It can be useful to 'practice' what we might say to others about Jesus. So – practice (perhaps in 2s or 3s) either sharing the gospel with each other or sharing the story of how your own Christian faith has developed... And reflect together on how you found doing that!
6. The Pharisees think they can see (v40). But how does this whole encounter reveal the depth of their spiritual blindness? How does this act as a warning to us?
7. It could be very costly to align ourselves with Jesus, for example in speaking about Jesus with others, as it was for this man. But Jesus won't abandon us and one day we'll see him face to face (v35-37). How can this help us when we are afraid to risk being open about Jesus?
8. 'Seeing' Jesus is more than coming to know the truth about him. It is also being moved to worship him (v38). What do you see in Jesus that leads you to worship him? What would you like others to see in him too?

**Respond to God's word in prayer**

**Share any answers to prayer you've seen since you last met**

**Take some time to pray for each other**

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*Our desire for small groups is that they would help us be a "people who are in the process of having their lives turned inside out and upside down by the progressive work of transforming grace."*

*(Taken from 'Lead' by Paul Tripp, p42)*