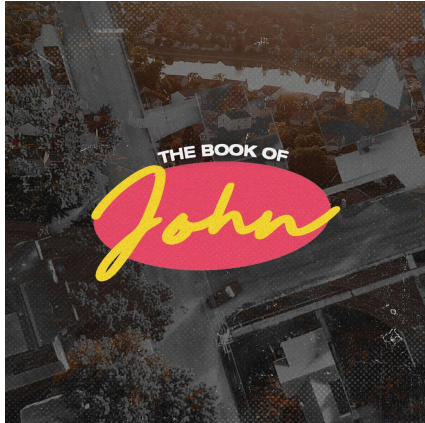




John 9 - Born Blind - Doug Tensen

Icebreaker:

1. Do you prefer that people shoot straight with you or carefully temper their words? Why?
2. Which of the five senses do you treasure most? Why?

Summary:

It's easy to be blind to the world around us. We miss the beauty, goodness, surprises and joy all around us. Sometimes it's hard to see what God wants us to see or how He wants to change us.

What is God trying to show you? Sometimes healing comes to us through an obedient action step (Go and wash yourself). The man born blind was healed after his obedient actions. As a result he demonstrated boldness, his faith grew and he now belonged to Jesus.

Engage the Bible:

John 9 - Open your Bibles to this chapter of John. Have someone read it out loud. **Underline some key words/phrases that stand out to you. Think about the scene, can you imagine yourself there? Who are the main people? How do they respond and how does Jesus react?**

Small Group Questions:

- What was your reaction to the story about Hannah, the 7 year old girl with Down's Syndrome?
- When have you ever been knocked back in your chair by God's surprising joy & love?
- Have you ever thought that difficulties or challenges you experience are a result of your mistakes and sin?
- Where do I need a miracle today?
- What obedient action do I need to take?
- Boldness, Belief, Belonging — which healing change do you need right now?