



## Seeing is Believing

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As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. "Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam". So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

***John 1:4-7***

A second time they summoned the man who had been blind. "Give glory to God by telling the truth," they said. "We know this man is a sinner." He replied, "Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!"

***John 1:24-25***

## **You don't have to know *everything* to know that God is working.**

So then he told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead, and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him."

***John 11:14-15***

## **You don't have to know *everything* to share what God has done.**

His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, "Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?" Some claimed that he was. Others said, "No, he only looks like him." But he himself insisted, "I am the man." "How then were your eyes opened?" they asked. 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."

"Where is this man?" they asked him. "I don't know," he said.

***John 9:8-12***

## **You don't have to know *everything* to step out in faith.**

When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!" When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?" They said, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?" "Come," he replied, "and you will see."

***John 1:36-39***

## **You don't have to know all things, to follow the one who is above all things.**

Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" "Who is he, sir?" the man asked. "Tell me so that I may believe in him." Jesus said, "You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you." Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him.

***John 9:35-38***

### **Bottom line:**

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1. Share a time in your life when something incredible happened but you couldn't explain why.
2. Describe what you feel like when you don't have all the answers to someone's questions.
3. **Read John 1:8-12:** How did the man respond to his neighbors and those who saw him begging? Was he able to answer all their questions?
4. When people ask questions about your faith how comfortable are you answering them? Have you ever been asked a question about Jesus you didn't know the answer to? If so, what happened?
5. **Read John 1:13-17:** Why do you think the man claims Jesus is a prophet? What evidence did he have for saying that?
6. **Read John 1:24-25:** How did the man respond to the Pharisees calling Jesus a sinner?
7. How do you respond when someone claims Jesus was a fraud?
8. What is the problem with the Pharisees' attitude that made it impossible for them to learn from others?
9. What kind of attitude should we have so that we can learn from others?

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