



Announcement

- Please remind your Grow Group to make sure they are updated in our church app (Church Center), especially with email as we start to communicate to the church about Senior Pastor Search updates. The app is the easiest way to stay connected with what is going on around Bethany, from filling out connection cards, to registering for events, and even the church directory is all in there!

Conversation Starter

- Were you encouraged by the video on Sunday celebrating all God has been doing at Bethany?

Sermon Discussion: Read John 9

- Look at verses 1-3. What do you think was the reason for the disciple's question to Jesus? For example; compassion, curiosity, bad theology, or something else?
 - How do you/we naturally respond when we see people in hard situations or suffering?
- What does Jesus' answer tell us about the reason?
 - How do you feel about the reason Jesus gives?
 - Does this create any challenge for you in how you think about your own suffering?
- Tylor said that "God is a planner, not a responder"
 - Do you agree or disagree?
 - How do you see that affirmed or not in this story?
 - How do you feel about that statement if it's true?

Going Deeper/Application:

- What physical or emotional handicap (learning disability, failed relationship, chronic illness) has turned into an opportunity for God to demonstrate His power in your life or someone close to you?
 - What helped you see God in your own struggle or pain?
- How has your own faith in Jesus made your life better or harder?
 - Do you think a negative result in a situation reflects that it was not God working? Why or why not?

- Is “For God’s Glory” enough to have peace in any situation? What keeps you/us from that being enough?
 - Read verses 35-38, how does this response reflect how he sees Jesus, suffering, God’s glory, and our calling in suffering?

Final Challenge:

- Let’s get real, if our suffering does not end in this life if we never get the healing we are praying for, how can we give God Glory in those moments?

Challenge/Prayer Time: (Leaders based on discussion choose your own prayer focuses, knowing what the group might need to focus on. Break up into gendered groups if that might help)