

Growth Group Reflection Questions—March 21-27

1. What kind of music sends you to the moon? Share it, even if it's a little embarrassing, uncool, or old-fashioned.
2. We learned in the message about four conditions that cause vision problems. Let's help each other remember them. Unscramble the four dangers that blind us, and comment on how they cloud our vision.

A. UTSL _____; B. RORIRSM _____;

C. SLODI _____; D. INDLB UISEDG _____
3. What do people tend to notice about other people when they first see them?
4. Let's start seeing through Jesus' eyes. First, let's dive deep into one of the stories that Dave shared with us on Sunday. Open up to Luke 13:10-13, and read it aloud.

A. What was Jesus doing before His encounter with this woman? (Lk. 13:10) Was it convenient for Him to change course? Is it ever *really* convenient to "see" like Jesus?
B. How does Luke describe this woman? (Lk. 13:11) Luke is light on details. How do you imagine she looked?
C. How would you have felt if you saw her in her condition?
D. What did Jesus do when He saw her? (Lk. 13:13)
E. Have you ever seen and "touched" someone whom others would normally turn away from? What prompted you?
5. Dave also talked about the story of Zacchaeus, a rich and important person who appeared to be on the fast track, but was really on the highway to destruction. Are you a little intimidated to share what Jesus means to you with this kind of person? How can believers be bold and break through that fear barrier?
6. Let's take some time to pray the prayer that Dave shared with us: "*Oh God, break my heart and break our hearts for what breaks your heart. Help us to see the people who need your forgiveness. Cause us to weep aloud, to burst into tears, to mourn deeply for the people of Santa Cruz who don't know you yet.*"



I. The Four Causes Of Spiritual Vision Problems.

A. Lust of the eyes _____ causes vision problems.

For everything in the world – the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does – comes not from the Father but from the world.

1 John 2:16

Lust = to desire and to crave that which is forbidden _____

B. Looking in the mirror too long _____ causes vision problems.

He had a son named Saul, an impressive young man without equal among the Israelites - a head taller than any of the others.

1 Samuel 9:2

C. Eyes fixed on idols _____ causes vision problems.

Because they had not obeyed my laws but had rejected my decrees and desecrated my Sabbaths, and their eyes lusted after their father's idols.

Ezekiel 20:24

D. Following blind guides _____ causes vision problems.

Leave them; they are blind guides. If a blind man leads a blind man, both will fall into a pit.

Matthew 15:14

II. Seeing What Jesus Sees.

A. Jesus had eyes that saw people who needed freedom from bondage.

On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all. When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, "Woman, you are set free from your infirmity." Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God.

Luke 13:10 - 13

B. Jesus had eyes that saw people who needed a new life.

Jesus turned and saw her. "Take heart, daughter," he said, "your faith has healed you." And the woman was healed from that moment.

Matthew 9:22

C. Jesus had eyes that saw people who needed to be found.

When Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house."

Luke 19:5 NKJV

For the son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.

Luke 19:10

D. Jesus had eyes that saw people who needed a second chance.

When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled.

John 11:33

E. Jesus had eyes that saw people who needed forgiveness.

As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it and said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring peace . . ."

Luke 19:41 - 42