

DO YOU SEE WHAT I SEE?

John 9:6-34

Introduction:

1. The Miracle

A) What Jesus did (John 9:6-7a)

> He told the blind man what he needed to do to receive his sight

B) What the blind man did (John 9:7b)

> He left what he knew to receive something he had never known

C) What God did

> Remember, this is a work of God (John 4:3-4)

2. Insightful Responses to the Miracle

A) I can see Confusion in man's Neighbors

> Their initial response (John 9:8-9a)

> The formerly blind man's testimony (John 9:9b)

> Their questions

How did He do it? (John 9:10)

Where is He now? (John 9:12)

B) I can see Unbelief in the Religious Leaders

> What is going to keep the Pharisees from seeing the truth about what happened to this blind man? (John 9:13-14)

> The formerly blind man tells them what happened to Him (John 9:15)

The Pharisees' response (John 9:16)

> The heart of unbelief (John 9:18a)

Unbelief isn't the response of someone who doesn't know the truth ... it's the response of someone who refuses to believe the truth.

C) I can see Fear in the man's Parents (John 9:18b-23)

> The religious leaders' questions (John 9:19)

The Parents' response (John 9:20-21)

Why do they answer like this? (John 9:22)

D) Now I can see Hardened Hearts in the Religious Leaders

> Their inquisition is intent upon confirming their "unbelief" not finding the truth

"Give God the glory" was like twisting his arm to tell the truth (Joshua 7:19-20)

"We know that 'this Man' is a sinner" (John 9:24b)

"What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?" (John 9:26)

> This formerly blind man is seeing clearly now, and reveals the blindness of the Pharisees (John 9:27)

> The characteristics of a hardened heart

Attack the truth (John 9:28a)

Recommit yourself to your "unbelief" (John 9:28b-29)

When the truth gets in the way, divert the attention

This man confronts them with an obvious truth (John 9:30-33)

Their response to this obvious truth? (John 9:34)