

Now I See

John 9:1-41

The blind man

The religious leaders

Considerations for the week

Causation, v. 2. The disciples assumed that the blindness resulted from sin. Consider circumstances when we make similar assumptions about the relationship between sin and suffering.

Shunning, v. 20-23. The parents fear being put out of the synagogue. Are there times when this happens among us here or in our society at large? If so, consider when/if it is appropriate. Have you ever paid a price for your testimony/faith?

Descriptors. Notice the words used by the healed man to identify Jesus; a man (v. 11), then a prophet (v. 17), then from God (v. 33), and, finally, Lord (v. 38). What can we learn from this?

Faith, v. 16, 30-33. Can the former blind man's testimony be a model for our own testimonies? Why or why not?

Sight, v. 16, 28-29, 34. The self-assured Pharisees claim their spiritual sight is superior. How does Jesus expose this as the very thing that condemns them?

Blindness. What forms of spiritual blindness does Jesus expose in religious communities today?

Please use these considerations for personal reflection, small group discussions, and with friends and family.



"One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!"

— John 9:25b, NIV

Scripture read today
during worship:

Isaiah 1:18

Proverbs 3:9-10

Prayer today

Members will be praying for us during the service today and also during the week. Please email us at prayer@rtbchurch.org to let us know how we may pray for you.

Today's order of service

Prelude

Call to worship

Hymn, *Worthy of Worship*

Confession and assurance

Hymn, *Way Maker*

Hymn, *Amazing Grace*
(*My Chains Are Gone*)

Offertory

Reading and prayer

Hymn, *Psalms 150 (Praise the Lord)*

Homeless ministry presentation

Message

Hymn of response

Benediction

Postlude

Weekly events

Today after the benediction, Cookies & Coffee in our fellowship hall

Mom's Day Out, Tuesday and Friday, 9am – 2pm
Reservations required.

Women's Bible study, Tues. at 10 am or Thurs. at 7 pm

Wednesday

Kids' Music Class, 5-6 pm

Dinner, 5:30-6:30 pm. Menu: Cajun sloppy Joes,
fruit and veggie relish tray, ice cream sundae bar

Prayer, 6:30 pm in the parlor

BLAST! Children's Bible study and fun, 6:00 pm

Ladies' international Bible class (Zoom), 6:45 pm

Choir rehearsal, 7:45 pm

Joy Program, Thursday, 9am-noon, conversational
English classes, Bible study, crafts, and handbells

Endurance men's Bible study, Thursday at 6pm
Focus: college-aged / young adult men

Young international Bible study, Saturday at 7 pm

Men's Bible study, every-other Saturday at 8 am
Meets next week, October 31

Sunday morning

Adult Bible study, 9:30 am

Worship, 10:45 am

Children's Church at sermon time

The church office has information on events.

Phone: 713.559.6875 Email: office@rtbchurch.org

The office is open Tuesday - Friday, 9am-3pm

CCSC Food Drive Bring items
to the church through Nov 17.

Fall Festival
October 30

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app by searching for
"RTBC" in the Apple or
Android store.

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online giving



Templegram Our weekly newsletter is provided to us by email, usually on
Tuesday. If you'd like to receive it, please email us at office@rtbchurch.org.

Breakfast next Sunday! Our Youth will host a
breakfast fundraiser to help support their activities
& missions. Yum Yum Breakfast Burrito!

Please be advised that our services are livestreamed to the internet. Your participation in the service serves as your consent to the broadcast of your image and voice and to the broadcast of the image and voice of your participating minor children.