



How I See...Changes Everything (small group)



Preparation:

[Have everyone in the group read John Chapter 9 each day for a week. Then come back and discuss the various people in the account of this miracle/incident.]

Discussion:

Some main points of the story to focus on could be:

- Why did the disciples think that the man's blindness must have been caused by his own sin or his parents' sin?
- How did the man respond to having his need met?
- Why were the Pharisees so upset with Jesus? And why did they care that the healing had taken place on the Sabbath?

Implementation:

Now have everyone in the group begin to share ideas of people in the community that the group could begin to really "see" like Jesus would.

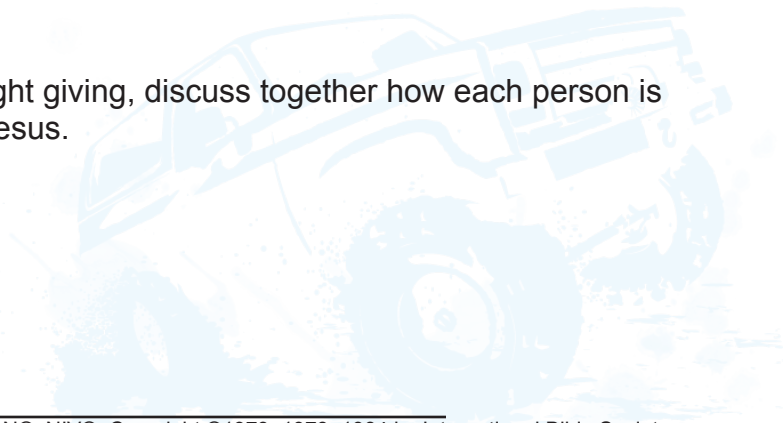
- Make a list of those people and their needs.
- Discuss ways to reach out to those people and meet their needs.
- Consider what the response to Jesus impacting their lives through the group might be.
- Narrow the list down and pick the top three needs that the group is interested in.
- Take the other three weeks of the month to go meet one need each week as a group.
- Then come back and discuss the results.

Now find out all the missionaries from your group's district who have needs that could be met through Speed the Light. (E-mail your district youth director for a list of current STL projects.)

- Pick between 1 and 3 of those needs that your group will work to meet for the missionary.
- Have someone in the group e-mail the missionary to discuss what the need is and how your support will make a difference.
- Share that with the group.
- Have everyone in the group set a personal goal to give over the next 90 days.
- Then plan at least one major fund-raiser that your group will do together, giving each person a different assignment so that everyone is sure to be involved.
- Add the money raised to the personal giving so that the needs of the missionaries will definitely be met.

Debrief:

After the local outreach and strategic Speed the Light giving, discuss together how each person is beginning to really "see" people in their need like Jesus.



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