

WORSHIP

SUGGESTED WORSHIP SONGS:

God is Here, This is Amazing Grace, Open the Eyes of My Heart, The Wonder of Your Love.

WELCOME

Brand New You. Share one thing changed in you when you began your personal relationship with Jesus.

WORD

JOHN 8:12

¹² Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, "I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life."

JESUS HEALED THE MAN BORN BLIND

Jesus first declared that He is the Light of the world (**John 8:12**), then proved it by miraculously healing a man born blind (**John 9:1-34**). He took this man from blindness to sight, from darkness to light. Whoever follows Jesus will walk in the light.

Until now, ophthalmologists say that there is no way that a man born blind will be able to see. Light has to come into a person's eye to stimulate the development of the necessary cells. If light is blocked from coming into the eyes, it would take a miracle for a person to be able to see.

It was the general belief of that time that all suffering was due to the consequences of sin. So the disciples asked Jesus if the man was blind due to his parents' sin or his own sin (**John 9:2**). Jesus surprised them with His answer: that the man's condition was divinely ordained and part of an amazing plan for Christ's mission on earth (**John 9:3-5**).

After being healed, the man was thrown out by the Pharisees for his testimony about Jesus (**John 9:24-34**). Soon after, Jesus found him again and asked him if he believed in Him. The man said "yes." The story ended with the man worshipping Jesus.

JESUS IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Jesus' healing of the man born blind points not just to a medical miracle, but also to a spiritual truth.

Spiritually, we are all born blind, unable to see the light of the gospel (**2 Corinthians 4:3-4**). It takes a miracle to open our spiritual eyes to see the Light. The only way for a person to see the Light is when he truly turns to Jesus (**2 Corinthians 3:16**).

In Genesis we read that the earth was once formless, void and dark, until God spoke His first word, "Let there be light" (**Genesis 1:2-3**). The Bible tells us that Jesus, our Creator, created all things from nothing. In this story Jesus did not simply restore the sight of the man, He created sight where it never existed.

Jesus does the same thing for us. Once upon a time, our life was formless, void and dark. Then Jesus, the Light of the world, came into our lives. Only Jesus can give sight to our spiritual eyes that we may see Him in a personal, transformational way, and experience the abundant life that is meaningful and purposeful.

"I have come as Light into the world, so that everyone who believes in Me will not remain in darkness" (**John 12:46**). Jesus opens our eyes to see Him for who He really is.

JESUS GIVES BRAND NEW LIFE

Jesus said to the blind man to go and wash in the pool of Siloam. The man then returned, able to see (**John 9:7**). The transformation in the blind man was so evident that his neighbors could not recognize him at all (**John 9:8-9**). Whenever asked about what happened, he told of what Jesus did for him.

When we come to Jesus, He will cleanse us of our sin (**Titus 3:5**). He will give us a new heart and a new Spirit to walk with Him and to obey Him (**Ezekiel 36:25-26**). Christianity is about getting into a relationship with Jesus. It is not just about becoming a better person, but becoming a brand new person in Christ. (**2 Corinthians 5:17**).

WORD (cont'd)

Coming out from darkness into the light, we now belong to God so that we may proclaim what He did for us (**1 Peter 2:9**). Like the Pharisees in the story, people who hear our testimony may not be easily persuaded to believe in Jesus. But the more we tell others about Him, the more we deepen our love for Him and our appreciation of what He has done for us.

Make it a habit to share your story with Jesus whenever the Lord gives you the opportunity to do it, especially with your own family. They may not agree at first, but the best way to point them to Jesus is to love them unconditionally, spend time with them, and be a witness to them.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

(Leaders: Please choose questions that are appropriate to the level of spiritual maturity of your members)

- 1. Light of the World.** Who is Jesus according to **John 8:12**? What is Jesus' invitation to us?
- 2. Let there be Light.** When and how did you experience the opening of your spiritual eyes to see Jesus?
- 3. Light for Life.** As a follower of Jesus, how would you share His light to the people around you?

WORKS

LIFE UNBOXED

We are on a mission. The world is becoming a darker place and the people around us need to know about Jesus. As His followers, we are to take the light of life (Jesus) and share Him with others. For people to know Jesus and discover the real purpose of their life.

"Life Unboxed", a new Engage material on the Gospel of John, is a helpful tool for us to connect people to Jesus Christ. Know how by attending the training on October 4, 11, 18 or 25, from 7:00-9:00pm at the CCF Center.

WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

I. Thanksgiving

- Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives

II. Country and the World

- Upright and moral governance of Public Servants and a God-centered Philippines
- Repentance and Salvation

III. Church

- That CCF Members would honor and love God and make disciples
- Elders, Pastors, Leaders, and Families
- Ministries and Churches worldwide

IV. CCF Facilities

- Worship and Training Center
- Prayer Mountain

V. Personal Concerns

- Deeper intimate relationship with God
- Righteous living
- Salvation of family and friends