

Suggested Resources

Below is a list of resources that will help you dig deeper into the topic preached about this morning:

- Mark Batterson - *The Circle Maker: Praying Circles Around Your Biggest Dreams and Greatest Fears* (this week's "Pastor's Pick")
- Bill Johnson- *Releasing the Spirit of Prophecy: The Supernatural Power of Testimony*
- John Wimber - *Power Healing*
- Robby Dawkins - *Doing What Jesus Did*
- Erwin McManus - *Wide Awake*

Suggested Bibles

We teach from the Bible on Sundays and encourage you to read the Bible throughout the week. Here are a few recommended versions of it:

Quest Study Bible

"The Question and Answer Bible."

NIV First-Century Study Bible

explore Scripture in its Jewish and early Christian context

NIV Study Bible

contains over 20,000 study notes.

Teen Life Application Study Bible

includes sections explaining what the Bible has to say about the questions and issues teens face in the *Choices*, *I Wonder*, *Ultimate Issues*, and *My Story* features.

Kids Quest Study Bible

contains over 500 questions that kids ask, "Quest Challenges" to help you apply what you read and more!

Plus... be sure to stop by the Welcome Center in our lobby and pick up a FREE copy of our Bible Reading Plan... as well as a FREE Bible!

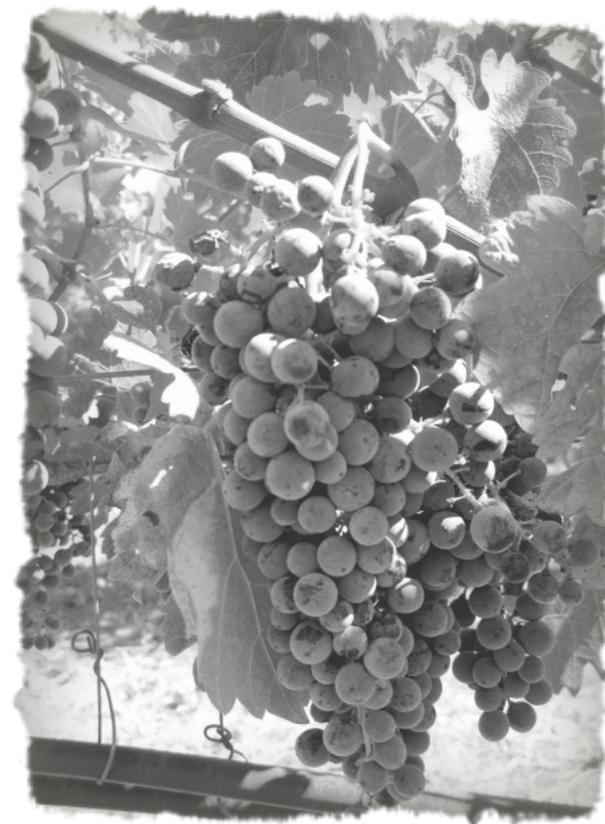
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I Was Blind But Now I See

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Week 3 of series: The Spirit of Prophecy

We want people to encounter God on Sundays and not just "go to church." That is why today's 75-minute service will include an in-depth Bible teaching, communion, worship (feel free to stand or sit as we sing), and an opportunity to receive 1-on-1 prayer.

I Was Blind But Now I See

(Dan Kopp - lead pastor of The Eastside Vineyard Church)

Notes:

Digging Deeper Questions

In our fast-paced culture, it's easy to be impacted by the sermon you hear at church on Sunday... only to forget about it by Monday. To make this message "stick" we created these Digging Deeper Questions so you can process and apply what you heard at church. Take some time this week to go through these questions by yourself, in your small group, with a friend, your family, or your roommate.

1. Icebreaker: Today's sermon title comes from the classic hymn *Amazing Grace*. What are some of your favorite hymns or contemporary Christian songs (that we sing on Sundays or beyond)?
2. Is there anything you heard in this week's sermon or experienced in this week's service that was an "a ha" moment, something significant for you?
3. Read Matthew 20:32-33. In *Wide Awake* Erwin McManus writes: "I think a lot of us are like Bartimaeus, except we are going to Jesus and saying, 'Lord, could you give me sight in one eye?' instead of 'Lord, could you give me 20/20 vision? I want to see' . . . I think a lot of our prayers make God wonder why we think so little of Him." How has this quote been true in the ways you have prayed at times throughout your life?
5. Typically, Christians pray "safe" prayers. In other words, if someone is in the hospital requiring surgery we pray that God would guide the surgeon's hands or that God would comfort the sick person and the family and give them peace. We don't pray for healing so that they wouldn't need surgery. When you hear someone is sick, is your first instinct to pray for them to be healed or you do you pray "safe" prayers? Do you believe today's sermon will impact how you pray? If yes, how? If not, why not?
5. God is no respecter of persons (see Acts 10:34). So what Jesus asked Bartimaeus, He didn't only ask once in the history of the world. If Jesus appeared in the room you are in right now and asked, "What do you want me to do for you?" how would you respond?
6. In *The Circle Maker* Mark Batterson writes, "*Bold prayers honor God, and God honors bold prayers*. God isn't offended by your biggest dreams or boldest prayers. He is offended by anything less. If your prayers aren't impossible for you, they are insulting to God. Why? Because they don't require divine intervention. But ask God to part the Red Sea and God is moved to omnipotent action . . . It is absolutely imperative at the outset that you come to terms with this simple yet life-changing truth: *God is for you*. If you don't believe that, then you'll pray small timid prayers; if you do believe it; then you'll pray big audacious prayers."
 - As you read that quote, did you experience any spiritual warfare cloaked in an unanswered prayer that "popped" into your mind out of nowhere, in an attempt to convince you that God is not for you or to discourage you from praying bold prayers? Explain.
 - Keeping your answer to Question 5 in mind... let's go deeper. It could be something physical, emotional, mental or spiritual -- what are some bold requests, that just like Bartimaeus, you'd love God to "do" for you?

Key Passage:

"What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him. The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see." "Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

- Mark 10:51-52 (NIV)