

# Home Group Notes

## Mark 8:22-30 –

### At Last! The Blind ‘See’!

The healing of the blind man comes immediately after the section on failing to see, failing to hear and the disciples lack of understanding.

1. Can you think of everyday instances or problems you have had which suddenly ‘click’ into place?

#### *Read Mark 8:22-26*

2. Where does Jesus take the blind man? Why do you think he does this?
3. In v23 Jesus asks the question, ‘Do you see anything?’ What is the blind man’s response?
4. Why is the blind man only partially healed the first time? What might this signify and point to?
5. Was your coming to faith in Jesus a gradual experience like the blind man’s?
6. How should this help us as we witness to those we come across, our friends and family?

**Think:** The healing of this blind man is the only miracle that happens in stages rather than an instant effect. This two-stage cure seems to suggest a process of revelation as much for the disciples as for the blind man. And Jesus next questions the disciples as to who they say He is.

#### *Read Mark 8:27-30*

The structure to this short passage is the same as that of the previous, indicating that the two fit together – 1) Setting (v22 /

27a); 2) Partial sight (v23-24 / 27b-28); 3) Sight (v25 / 29b); 4) Injunction to silence (v26 / 30).

Jesus asks his disciples 2 great questions for us to answer today.

7. Who do people say Jesus is? (Today in Britain)
8. Who do *you* say Jesus is?
9. Is what you *believe* about Jesus and what you *say* about Jesus truly the same, or different? How?
10. Full spiritual sight only comes when Jesus is accepted as the Christ (‘Anointed One’). What does it mean for Jesus to be the Christ?
11. Do you believe that Jesus is the Christ? How does this affect the way you live your life?

#### **Prayer Points**

1. Pray for any you know who need a physical healing.
2. Pray for any you know who need healing in some other way, maybe psychological or emotional.
3. Pray for those you know who are presently ‘blind’ to who Jesus is, that they would come to know him.
4. Pray for the different outreach events and activities that we hold as a church.
5. Pray that you would know Jesus better too.