

## GUEST SPEAKER

Pastor Paul Johnson | June 17, 2018

*I Can See!*

Scripture: John 9

Jesus wants to surprise us with sight!

1. Go beyond **either / or** thinking.

John 9:2 (NIV), John 9:3 (MSG)

2. Listen to **Jesus**.

John 9:7 (NLT)

- Don't confuse the **method** with the **miracle**.
- Don't mistake your **participation** for God's **power**.
- Don't expect God to fit into your **box**.

3. Trust Jesus **to do what He wants to do**.

John 9:38 (NLT), John 9:39 (MSG), John 12:46 (NLT)

## HOMEGROUP & PERSONAL STUDY QUESTIONS

1. In our teaching we were encouraged to “Go beyond either/or thinking.” The psychological term for this approach to challenges is known as “binary thinking.” Do you think this approach is a healthy one? What might be an alternate approach to challenges and problem solving? How do you most often categorize issues and approach challenges?
2. A very strong point was made by Pastor Paul; he said, “Listen to Jesus.” Can you describe the way or ways you listen to Jesus? How and where do you hear Jesus most clearly? When was the last time you “heard” Jesus clearly? What did Jesus “say” to you?
3. What do you think is meant (regarding the miracle described in John 9:7) by, “don’t confuse the method with the miracle? Can you share a practical application of this distinction?
4. Pastor Paul gave us warning, “Don’t expect God to fit into your box...” Take a few minutes to think. How often do you place God in a “box?” Can you provide an example where you may have put God in a box?
5. Throughout the Gospel accounts we see Jesus often working with unconventional methods. How does it make you feel when circumstances appear to unfold in unconventional ways in your life? Can you trust God-Jesus to “do what he wants to do?” Can you distinguish between Jesus’ unconventional methods and/or resistance toward His methods? Please share your thoughts.