

sermon

discussion guide

January 7, 2018

"Near-Sighted"

Pastor Steve DeNeff

Psalm 121:1-8; 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

Opening Prayer:

"I meditate on your age-old regulations;

O Lord, they comfort me.

*Your decrees have been the theme of my songs
wherever I have lived.*

*I reflect at night on who you are, O Lord;
therefore, I obey your instructions.*

*This is how I spend my life:
obeying your commandments." (Psalm 119:52, 54-56)*

Discussion Starter:

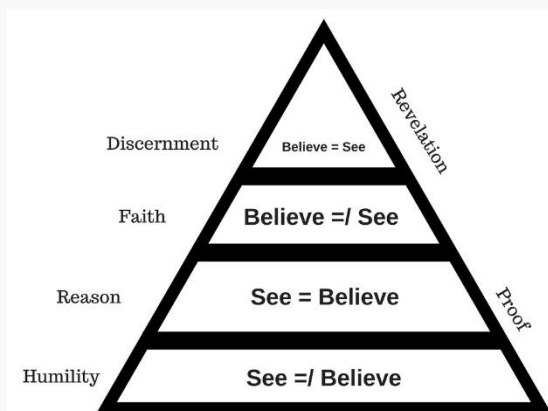
Share about a time when you had a perception problem. (You didn't have a trouble with your actual sight, but you couldn't see.)

Sermon Summary:

Review the sermon as a group.

- *What key points or ideas form this week's sermon stood out to you?*
- *How did the Spirit stir you to action or change?*
- *What other Scripture passages came to mind during the sermon and why?*
 - **Other Scriptures referenced:**

Key sermon points:



- *Faith isn't a leap in the dark, it is a different kind of knowledge.*
- *When I cannot see what I believe, I must learn to believe what I've been told (promised) through the Scripture.*

Next Steps:

- *Where did I learn how to see?*
- *Might it be possible to learn to focus on something else?*

- *What promises do you need to hold onto that you are still unable to see? Share sections of Scripture that have been important to you in times that you couldn't see.*

Prayer:

Spend some time sharing ways you can pray for each other. Pray about how you will respond to the sermon.