



In almost every area of life we will opt for the

\_\_\_\_\_ over the \_\_\_\_\_ . . .

except when it comes to the \_\_\_\_\_.

A case study: John 9:1-41

Spiritual Blindness:

You \_\_\_\_\_ when you

focus on what is unexplainable, and lose sight of what is undeniable.

Signs  
John 9:1-41

## study questions



Use these questions in your community group time to dig deeper and discover how you can apply today's message to everyday life.

### INTRODUCTION

Why did Jesus come doing miracles anyway? What was his purpose? If it was to help and heal people, why didn't he help everybody? The answer to that question could really shed some light on our present day question of why God doesn't do all the miracles for all the people we think he should today.

People were the same in Jesus' day. They knew the unexplainable when they saw it, and when they rejected Jesus' supernatural acts, their reasons were very similar to ours. The problem today is that we've been able to discover answers to a great deal of what was unexplainable in the past. We tend to put Jesus in that category and think, "if we hold judgment on the miraculous long enough, somebody will come along with a perfectly natural explanation".

That's where the undeniable can help us. We all have principles or notions that we've always thought, or have been taught by someone we respect. So, when faced with the unexplainable, we go looking for answers from persons who are undeniably trustworthy.

What if we got to know Jesus that way? Wouldn't it be easier to trust what we can't explain about him, because we know he is undeniably true? Maybe that's why he did miracles.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Looking back on your walk with Jesus to the present day, what is undeniably trustworthy about him? Have you ever wrestled with doubt when he didn't help you with something you thought he should?
- In the message Dwain said, *In almost every area of life we will opt for the undeniable over the unexplainable except when it comes to the supernatural.* Do you think that is generally true? Why is it or why is it not?
- Read John 9:1-41 all together in one shot.** Be a CSI and make this a miracle case study.
  - What does this passage tell you about what Jesus is really up with miracles?
  - How do you think Jesus feels about the way the man he gave sight too interacts with the religious authorities?
  - What do you make of the parents' response (v.18-23)? Are there any areas in your life where fear overcomes your desire to trust and follow Jesus?
  - What do you make of what Jesus says about the Pharisees (v. 39-41)?
  - From what Jesus teaches here, how would you define "spiritual blindness?" How can we avoid it?
- How can the people of your group be praying for you this week, in an area of your life where it just seems harder to trust Jesus?

### MOVING FORWARD

There may be relationships, environments, and decisions, etc, where Jesus is just waiting for you to see that you can trust him to be supernaturally present. The good news is that, when we open ourselves up to him to tell us where those places are, he is always gentle. It's when we lock-down with the unexplainable that things get rough (witness the Pharisees).

Open your life to Jesus this week and invite him to reveal any parts of your life where you could trust him more...and where you could use the supernatural touch of a miracle.

### CHANGING YOUR MIND

"Do you believe in the Son of Man?" John 9:35 (NIV)