

# The Healing of a Blind Man at Bethsaida - Mark 8:22-26

*Topics:* Blindness, Guidance, Healing, Prayer, Restoration, Separation

## Open It

- \* 1. When have you experienced a time when God answered a prayer only partially?
- 2. Why do you think God would not answer prayer as we hope?
- 3. How do you respond when God answers your prayers completely?

## Explore It

- 4. Where did the events of this story take place? (8:22)
- \* 5. What did the people do about the blind man's condition? (8:22)
- 6. Where did Jesus perform this miracle? (8:23)
- 7. How did Jesus get the blind man out of the village? (8:23)
- \* 8. How did Jesus heal the blind man? (8:23-25)
- 9. How did Jesus treat the blind man differently from the many other people He had healed? (8:23-26)
- 10. What do we learn about Jesus' character from the way He treated the blind man? (8:23-26)
- 11. What is unique about this healing compared to every other healing Mark recorded in his Gospel? (8:23-26)
- 12. What did the blind man see after the first touch from Jesus? (8:24)
- 13. What occurred after Jesus touched the blind man a second time? (8:25)
- \* 14. What did Jesus urge the man to do after he was healed? (8:26)

## Get It

- 15. Why do you think Jesus returned to Bethsaida?
- 16. Why do you think the people begged Jesus to heal the blind man?
- 17. What connection do you think there is between this gradual healing and the disciples' slowness to understand who Jesus was?
- 18. Why do you think Jesus healed people in so many unique ways?
- 19. What difference does it make to you that God views us all as unique individuals and treats us according to our own needs?
- 20. How should Jesus' actions and attitudes in this story affect the way you represent Christ to others?
- 21. When has your "sight" been clouded by circumstances in your life?
- 22. How has God opened your eyes in a difficult situation?
- \* 23. Whom do you know who has been changed by Jesus but now needs a "second touch" in his or her life?
- \* 24. How could you help a person you know who needs a "second touch" from Jesus?
- 25. What have you learned from this passage about Jesus' attitude toward people?
- 26. How can you show thanks to the Lord for His personal interest in you as an individual?

## Apply It

- \* 27. What can you do this week for someone in need?
- 28. What is one area of your life in which you can pray for God's healing?
- 29. How do you want to respond the next time the Lord answers prayer in an unexpected way?