

## Part 3

John 9:6-25

6 Having said this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. 7 "Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means Sent). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

8 His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, "Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?" 9

Some claimed that he was. Others said, "No, he only looks like him." But he himself insisted, "I am the man."

10 "How then were your eyes opened?" they demanded.

11 He replied, "The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see."

12 "Where is this man?" they asked him. "I don't know," he said.

13 They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind.

14 Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man's eyes was a Sabbath. 15 Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. "He put mud on my eyes," the man replied, "and I washed, and now I see."

16 Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others asked, "How can a sinner do such miraculous signs?" So they were divided.

17 Finally they turned again to the blind man, "What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened." The man replied, "He is a prophet."

18 The Jews still did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they sent for the man's parents. 19 "Is this your son?" they asked. "Is this the one you say was born blind? How is it that now he can see?"

20 "We know he is our son," the parents answered, "and we know he was born blind. 21 But how he can see now, or who opened his eyes, we don't know. Ask him. He is of age; he will speak for himself." 22 His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for already the Jews had decided that anyone who acknowledged that Jesus was the Christ would be put out of the synagogue. 23 That was why his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

24 A second time they summoned the man who had been blind. "Give glory to God," they said. "We know this man is a sinner."

25 He replied, "Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!"

### Message notes:

Your story of coming to faith in Christ should always begins in the \_\_\_\_\_.

Every story has a \_\_\_\_\_ point.

**Message notes:**

All of our stories end up pointing towards

\_\_\_\_\_.

There is always a \_\_\_\_\_ part to our story—what we have to do to receive what God wants to do.

Telling our story has \_\_\_\_\_—good and challenging.

It's ok to be \_\_\_\_\_ with people and tell them you don't know the answer to their questions.

A person with an experience of God's \_\_\_\_\_ is never at the mercy of someone with an argument.

**Discussion Questions:**

What are the three points to telling your story? Why do each of these parts of the story matter?

Why does God leave as a role to play—the human part of the story?

Why aren't others always happy that you came to Jesus?

What are some consequences you could have for telling our story? Are those things still worth the opportunity to tell the good news of Jesus?

What is the difference between being able to tell you story and having an answer for every theological question?

How can sharing your story be more powerful in the lives of others rather than just answering their practical questions??

**Ministry Time Questions:**

Does anyone struggle under the weight of fear at the thought of sharing your story of faith?

Has anyone had really painful consequences from sharing your story?