

I Was Blind, But Now I See **Mark 8:22-26**

A Unique Healing ...

1. Mark is the _____ who records this healing.
 - In verses 14-21, the disciples are _____ by unbelief—they fail to connect the dots between Jesus' provision and their need.
 - In verses 27-30, Peter makes the first human _____ of Jesus as the Christ.
2. Jesus heals this blind man in _____.
 - This is a _____ - _____ miracle.
 - The two phases of this healing are a real-world picture of the way His grace works in our lives. It's about how we come to _____ the truth of Jesus more clearly ... and follow Jesus more closely ... and _____ Him more deeply.

The BIG Idea ... The _____ makes the blind to see.

The Structure ... Mark's Gospel:

- Act 1: _____—Jesus focuses on big-group teaching and miracles.
- Act 2: _____—Jesus invests in small-group time, prepping the disciples.
- Act 3: _____—Jesus dies and rises again.

The Story ...

Bethsaida ...

The People ...

Jesus ...

The Blind Man ...

The Disciples ...

The Takeaways ...

1. Be _____ with people whose spiritual progress seems _____.
2. Following Jesus isn't always _____; it's often _____.
3. Be committed to the lifelong _____ of spiritual _____.

2 Peter 3:18, "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen."