Series: John

Sermon: 9:4-41

- 1. Think back over John 9, in what ways did the former blind man and the Pharisees view the miracle that had occurred differently?
- 2. The parents of the former blind man were guarded with their words, when they stood before the Pharisees and were careful not to give credit to Jesus for their own son's healing. A. What is the reason given for their lack of praise of Jesus healing their son?

B. Being removed from the synagogue, meant that a Jew was ostracized from the Jewish religion and the culture. The parents risked losing everything if they would have spoken up for Christ. Though living in a different time and place, what about Christians in America, is it possible that you might lose friends, business opportunities, or popularity if you were more verbal about Jesus Christ? 3. How does the response of the parents who were called before the Jewish leaders compare to the response of Stephen before the Jewish leaders? See Acts 7:51-59.

> 5. Jesus is the Light of the World. In what way are Christians also to be lights in darkness? See John 8:12 and Matthew 5:14-16. What might this look like on a practical level in day-to-day life?

6. A. Why does Jesus call the Pharisees blind in John 9:39-41?

B. Why does Jesus call the Pharisees blind in Matthew 23:16-26?

C. Though we do not have true Pharisees among us how might people similarly express their spiritual blindness today?