

NMBC Small Group Notes – 19 January 2020

Welcome

We are blessed if we have all the five senses working! It's not until we lose one that we realise how significant senses are to our functioning. 1. A bit of fun, if you are up for it! Ask one person in the group to volunteer to be blindfolded and play a smell, taste or touch game. 2. Ask each person which of the five senses would be the most challenging to lose; seeing, smelling, tasting, hearing, speaking.

Worship

John 9:5 – Jesus proclaims '**I am the light of the world**'. Take time to meditate on the I am sayings of Jesus and allow those thoughts to lead you into a time of worship.

Word - 'One Thing' I know – John 9

Read the account of Jesus healing the Blind man

Questions

- What mistaken perspective can people have about the relationship between suffering and sin?
- What is the perspective highlighted in verses 1-3
- Why did Jesus put mud on the man's eyes? Verse 6
- In what ways did Jesus disobey the law according to the Pharisees?
- What was wrong with the Pharisees attitude to Gods Law? Verse v16
- Why was there division between some of the Pharisees? Verses 16-17
- Why don't the Pharisees want to believe that the man was born blind? Verse 18
- Why did the blind man's parents respond as they did? Verses 18-22
- How did the blind man respond to their questions? Verse 25
- How do you respond to the questions that people ask around the area of faith?
- Why do the Pharisees despise the man, and what did they do him?
- What were the stages of the blind man's understanding of who Jesus was?
- To whom is Jesus speaking in verse 39?
- How did you encounter Jesus? What 'One Thing' do you know?
- Do you find it easy or difficult to speak about your faith to non- Christians?

Prayer response

In pairs, share your testimony with one another (10 mins max each). Then pray for one another, for courage and confidence to share our story with those around us?

Prayer:

- KCAH Winter Night Shelter Project. NMBC are looking to host this again on Tuesday eve – Wednesday mornings from Tues 4 Feb – Tues 24 Feb.
Pray for Tony Wilson as he coordinates Night Shelter at NMBC.
- Leaders, Government & Royal Family in the midst of change and transition.
1 Timothy 2:1-3.

Reminders

Sunday 19 Jan @ 5.30pm – Street Pastors Celebration @ St Joseph's Church NM
Monday 20 Jan – Churches Together, United Service @ St James Church NM