

Saturday & Sunday, October 27 & 28, 2018 - “Unsung Heroes - Week 8: The Blind Guy (Risky worship)” - Doug Kempton

Key Passages: John 9:1-38

* + Feel free to read the passage(s) out loud as a group
  + Allow the group to share freely about what stood out to them from the passage or from Sunday’s message

Main Ideas

* + When ordinary people walk with the spirit of God in obedience they become extraordinary
  + In the New Testament Jesus was teaching the disciples through everyday teaching and sometimes it was more about **unlearning** things than learning
  + The man born blind John 9 is an unsung hero because of how he responded to the healing that he received
  + The culture
    - v2: The blind man probably heard the question that the disciples asked
    - Pervasive belief of the day: If anything bad happened, it was because you or your parents sinned or did something wrong
    - “Cosmic Karma” - If you do good —> good will happen, if you do bad —> bad will happen
      * There’s some truth…often if we are obedient good things happen
      * But under this view, if things go bad we reject God or assume others have done something wrong
    - Neither this man’s parents or him sinned…BUT he was born blind
    - He has heard his whole life he was steeped in sin
      * He was likely told he was less than noting and an outcast
      * This was a lie that he believed
      * Somewhere in our lives we have believed a lie
        + Lies become a ball and chain
        + What is your self talk like? That’s a good indicator of the lie or lies you are believing
        + **Jesus wants to remove the lie and speak truth over you life**
  + **\*\*\*Sometimes bad things happen so that the works of God might be displayed in you\*\*\* - Doug Kempton**
  + Jesus healed this man and he became a WITNESS
  + Jesus healed the blind man on the sabbath
    - There were a lot of man made rules that made people feel good about themselves
    - It was bad theology…**”Bad theology will keep us from seeing God when He is standing and moving right i front of us” - Doug Kempton**
  + This outcast gets all that he hoped for (access to the temple, his sight, no longer an outcast)
  + He was incredibly brave and heroic in sharing his story
    - I was blind — now I see (he shared his testimony)
    - And for it he as kicked out of the place that he just gained access to
      * Probably excommunicated and disowned by his family
      * But he chose this
    - He put his faith in Jesus…He was the first person to be credited with worshipping the adult Jesus
  + We can learn: **Nothing compares to knowing Jesus** (the blind man would have done it all again to know Jesus)

Questions(Feel free to use all of these, some of these, or none of these)

* 1. When was a time when you though about things from a “cosmic karma” perspective? How has God reshaped your thinking?
  2. Give an example of a time when bad theology affected you or someone close to you?
  3. if your comfortable share a lie you have believed and how God has grown you or is growing you in that?
  4. How can we learn from the way the man born blind responds once he is healed?
  5. How is God calling you to be brave in sharing your story?
  6. Do you believe that nothing compares to knowing Jesus? How would your life look different if you believed this with all of your heart?
  7. What is God inviting you into as a result of this passage or message?

\*\***15 Minutes with God Reading Plan-**

**Mon: Genesis 16 Tues: Genesis 17 Wed: Genesis 18 Thurs: Genesis 19 Fri: Genesis 20**

**Songs from the weekend: [Glorious- *Bj Putnam*] - *[This Is How I Fight My Battles* - Upper room] - [Made A Way - Travis Greene] - [Everlasting God *- William Murphy]***