

Series Title: Knowing Jesus through Miracles
Sermon Title: Jesus is the Christ (Mark 8:22-26)

Context of the miracle

- The disciples don't understand Jesus' identity (6:52; 8:4, 14-21)
- The disciples don't believe in Jesus' ability to provide for their need (8:4, 14-21)
- Confession of Jesus' identity is the foundation for discipleship (8:27-10:52)

Purpose of the Miracle

- Jesus demonstrated that just as the blind man had blurred vision of reality, His disciples had blurred vision of Jesus' identity despite witnessing acts that point Jesus to be the Messiah
- Just as Jesus healed the man with the blurred vision, Jesus can heal disciples' blurred identity of Jesus

Blind Man	Disciples
<i>problem</i>	
Physical blindness	Spiritual blindness
<i>solution</i>	
Jesus gives sight to blind man	Jesus reveals His identity to disciples

Center of the miracle story

- Jesus is the Messiah – this confession is the foundation for discipleship

Today's take away

- Come to Jesus to receive healing for blurred vision