"Why Jesus Came: For Judgment" John 9:39 December 10, 2023

The Reason for His Coming

"For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." (John 3:17)

The Seeing of the Blind

"Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost, but now I'm found was blind but now I see." ("Amazing Grace")

The Blinding of the Seeing

"Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners." (Mark 2:17)

"And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." (2 Corinthians 4:3–6)

Notes			

Discuss

- Do you agree that the Christmas season is a time of particularly pronounced spiritual blindness? Why, or why not?
- If you were to play the role of spiritual optometrist, what might be some tests of spiritual vision and blindness?
- What does 2 Corinthians 4:3–6 say about the cause of and solution to spiritual blindness, and how can you practically apply that to your life?

Read

John 9:1-41; 2 Corinthians 4:1-6

Pray

- That God will make our church family faithful to pray for the spiritually blind and to proclaim the gospel to them.
- That God will clarify your blurry spiritual vision so that you can more clearly see the glory and greatness of Jesus Christ.

Bulletin

- Women's Bible Study: Wednesdays at 10:00am
- Youth Ministry Caroling and Christmas Party: December 16 at 4:00pm
- Members' Meeting: December 10 at 5:00pm
- Christmas Eve Service: December 24 at 5:00pm
- All-Church Sunday School: January 7 at 9:30am
- Exploring Membership: January 20 at 8:00am