

Pre-Sermon Devotional
I Was Blind, But Now I See

Monday

Pray:

Read: Isaiah 42:14-17

Think about the following:

- 1) Why is God crying out like a woman in pain?
- 2) Who is the blind that God is talking about?
- 3) What do these blind people do?
- 4) Are we guilty of following false gods?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, forgive us when we put our trust in anything or anyone other than you. Help us to live our lives according to your will. Help us also to share our faith with those who do not know you. In Jesus' name, amen.

Tuesday

Pray:

Read: Isaiah 42:18-21

Think about the following:

- 1) Who is God speaking to in today's passage?
- 2) How have God's chosen people been acting toward Him?
- 3) What law is today's passage talking about?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, your law is perfect. However, we know that we cannot follow your law perfectly. Thank you that we are not saved by your law, but through the Gospel; the good news of Jesus' death on the cross and his resurrection. In Jesus name, amen.

Wednesday

Pray:

Read: Isaiah 29:13-19

Think about the following:

- 1) What are the people doing in verse 13?
- 2) What do verses 18 and 19 say will happen to God's people?
- 3) How has Jesus made this happen for us?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, we confess that we turn away from you often. Please forgive us when we turn from you and give us the strength we need to faithfully follow you. In Jesus name, amen.

Thursday

Pray:

Read: John 9:24-38

Think about the following:

- 1) Why did the Pharisees have a hard time believing in Jesus?
- 2) What was their "spiritual" condition?
- 3) In addition to his sight, what gift did Jesus also give to the blind man?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, though we were all spiritually blind, you gave us sight through your precious gift of faith. Now we can see you for who you are. Please use us to also reach out to others who are spiritually blind; so that they may come to saving faith in you. In Jesus name, amen.

Friday

Pray:

Read: Isaiah 42:14-21 (again)

Think about the following:

- 1) What does it mean to be spiritually blind?
- 2) How does Jesus give us "spiritual sight"?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, we were blind in our sin and you rescued us through Jesus. Help us to never take this blessed gift for granted. You have called us to be a light to the world. Show us how we can be your light today. In Jesus name, amen.

Saturday

Pray:

Read: Ephesians 5:8-14

Think about the following:

- 1) What does it mean to be *in the world not of the world*?
- 2) How are we called to be counter cultural?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, the world is in darkness. You have made us children of the light. Help us to see the lost of this world and help bring them to faith in you. In Jesus name, amen.