

Seeing 20/20 After 2020

New Year Message

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*"When they arrived at Bethsaida, some people brought a blind man to Jesus, and they begged him to touch the man and heal him. ²³Jesus took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village. Then, spitting on the man's eyes, he laid his hands on him and asked, 'Can you see anything now?' ²⁴The man looked around. 'Yes,' he said, 'I see people, but I can't see them very clearly. They look like trees walking around.' ²⁵Then Jesus placed his hands on the man's eyes again, and his eyes were opened. His sight was completely restored, and he could see everything clearly."
(Mark 8:22-25 NLT)*

God's answers are often different than our expectations.

"Jesus took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village. Then, spitting on the man's eyes, he laid his hands on him and asked, 'Can you see anything now?'" (Mark 8:23 NLT)

God's answers often come over time, not overnight.

"Then Jesus placed his hands on the man's eyes again, and his eyes were opened. His sight was completely restored, and he could see everything clearly." (Mark 8:25 NLT)

Discussion Questions:

- What stands out to you from Mark 8:22-25? How does that relate to your life?
- What are some things that cloud your vision and distract you from what God is trying to show you? How can you remove those distractions and align your vision closer to God's?
- The blind man's healing was a process. What is something that you're believing for this year? How can you continue to persevere and remain focused on God throughout the process?