

### Getting Started

Do you have any experience with blindness—yourself or in your family or someone you know well? What can you say about the experience of blindness?

What fears do you have about blindness? How would it change your life?

### Into the Bible

Read Acts 9:1-9, 17-22. Confronted by the risen, glorified Christ on the road to Damascus, Saul suddenly was blinded. Most people who lose their eyesight lose it gradually. What do you think it was like for confident, headstrong Saul to be completely dependent on others?

Saul’s eyesight was miraculously restored, but even more miraculous was his conversion to Jesus. What must have gone in Saul’s head to so completely destroy his previous certainties and to make him a powerful advocate for Jesus?

Have you ever had a similarly sudden change of mind? What’s it like?

Take a look at Ephesians 5:8. What was our condition before we came to know Christ?

Ephesians 4:17-19 talks about some of the effect of ‘being darkness.’ How does Paul describe our life before Christ?

As you look at Ephesians 5:8, does it seem like we who know Christ walk perfectly in the light?

Ephesians 4:20-5:7 describes the life we are called to live in Christ’s light. Are these as simple as flipping a switch or do they take some time? Any of them take more time than others? Which of these are most out of step with the world we live in?

### Digging Deeper

Thinking of the average person you know—a churchgoer or not—do most people assume that they see the things of God clearly? Do you assume *you* do? What if you don’t?

How would a Christian “check their eyesight,” so to speak? How would you know that you’re actually seeing things as God sees them?

How often should you have that check-up?