



Series: We Are. . .
“A Vision That Sustains”
Week of August 1, 2021

Connect Group Discussion Guide

The main idea for this series, “We Are. . .” is that vision is a powerful thing; a motivating force. This series is about learning to see as God sees and experiencing the full impact of His vision.

1. If you are standing 20 feet away from an eye-chart and can see what an average human eye can see, you have 20/20 vision; it means you see the physical world the way it was meant to be seen. If you take this ideal of 20/20 and move beyond the physical world...the question becomes: “What is my spiritual vision...do I see the world the way God does?” How would you answer that question?
2. Read the John 9 verses. Just like the man healed by Jesus in these verses, we can proclaim, “Once I was blind, but now I see.” In what ways can people be “blind”? What are they like when they overcome this blindness? (Before, the blind man tested every step he took, afterwards, he walked with confidence because he can see).
3. The shift to sight was so dramatic that people didn’t even recognize him (v.9). When someone changes their life in some way, have you experienced them seeming to be a different person (in a good way)?
4. In the Acts verses, we read of Stephen. Difficulties come in all sorts of shapes and sizes and Stephen had serious difficulties that exploded in attacks on his character and on him physically, because the believed he had something they did not. Have you ever experienced anger from others because they believed you had something they did not? If so, how did you handle the situation? If not, how can you encourage someone if they experiencing this?
5. Stephen’s demeanor in the midst of the attack was to still speak truth and not hold their actions against them (v. 60). Is it hard to forgive someone when they do something hurtful to you?
6. Stephen had a vision to sustain and succeed because he could see Jesus clearly. How can we see Jesus more clearly in our lives day to day?

Main Idea

When we see Jesus clearly, we can have a vision to sustain us and succeed in this life.

Key Scripture Reference(s)

Read aloud:
John 9:1-9
Acts 7:56-60

Your Faith in Action

What steps will you take this week to **show** others what you believe (in words, and in deeds)?

Mon: _____

Tue: _____

Wed: _____

Thu: _____

Fri: _____

Sat: _____

Sun: _____

This is a constant element, so you can practically live out your faith everyday.