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**"OPEN OUR EYES"**

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**TEXT:** John 9

**MAIN POINT:** We only receive salvation when we acknowledge our spiritual disability.

**INSIGHT:** Jesus uses the lens of physical disability to teach us about spiritual healing.

**ACTION MINISTRY INSIGHTS:**

1) Jesus sees people not ability.

**CHARGE:** Let's continue to grow as a church who sees people.

2) Jesus commissions those He sees.

**CHARGE:** As a church body, we must equip our Action Ministry families to be sent ones.

3) The faith body should celebrate the testimonies of our Action Ministry families.

**CHARGE:** Our fellowship is not complete when there are unheard stories from groups in our church.

**PRAYER:** Father, open our eyes to see people as Jesus did and to equip all our families for ministry, and to celebrate God's work in every part of our church. For you have said that those far from God will know we are your disciples when we love one another.

1. Pray over our church families who are affected by special needs and disabilities:
  - For the individual who is affected to know they are loved and valuable.
  - For the parents who have a lot to juggle. Simple daily tasks are not always simple, and they deal with decision fatigue. They suffer from burnout from always being a caregiver and an advocate, and they experience isolation and an ever-changing, never-ending cycle of grief.
  - For the siblings who can sometimes feel overlooked or excluded and feel they must look out for their siblings constantly.
  - For understanding and support from extended family and friends because the affected families must do things differently and can't always participate in events the same way as others.
2. Pray over our church and church leadership to continue to look for creative ways to meet the needs of ALL people who attend our church.
3. Pray over our faithful ministry volunteers who give their time to pour out the love of Christ over our participants affected by special needs.