

A Man and His God

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“What keeps us from God?”

Jesus was walking along, he saw a man who had been born blind from birth. “Teacher”, his disciples asked him, “why was this man born blind? Was it a result of his own sins or those of his parents?”

John 9:1-3

SUMMARY:

Sin is what keeps us from God. He longs to be in relationship with us, so that His work and glory might be revealed. We can then carry His message of hope and love to others.

NOTES:

DISCUSSION POINTS:

Introductory Question:

Have you ever been so embarrassed you wanted to hide your face? Briefly explain.

Discussion:

- Have you ever worn a mask in your lifetime?
- Reflect on what might be on the inside of your mask?
- Are their barriers in your life keeping you from a better relationship with God/others?
- What can I do to begin to remove those barriers?

APPLICATION:

How can I on a daily basis be more real with God and others that I love and trust? (examples)

- H.O.W. --- Honesty, Openness, and Willingness.
- Start each day with determination to be honest, open and willing.
- Share with another person what your reflection was re: what was on the inside of your mask.

ON YOUR OWN...

Scriptures: 2 Cor. 5:16-21
1 Col. 1:21-23
Eph. 4:17-24
1 Peter 5:10
James 4:7-10

