



EXPLORE THE BIBLE.

Session 11: You Have Seen Him
Suggested Week of Use: February 12, 2023
Core Passage: John 9:24-38

News Story Summary

As of Sunday, January 29, 2023, a YouTuber known as MrBeast (real name Jimmy Donaldson), had more than 32 million views for an incredible video. In his video, MrBeast paid for cataract surgery for 1,000 people around the world who could not afford to pay for it on their own. Jeff Levenson, an ophthalmologist and surgeon in Jacksonville, Florida, performed the first round of surgeries. Levenson said that, “half of all blindness in the world is people who need a 10-minute surgery.” The doctor hopes the video by MrBeast can motivate people to help themselves and others in a concerted effort to end needless blindness.

For more about this story, search “MrBeast cataract surgery.”

Focus Attention

To supplement **FOCUS ATTENTION**, print or create a sample eye chart and attach it to a focal wall. As adults arrive, direct attention toward the chart. Call for several volunteers to cover one eye at a time and try to read the eye chart from distance. Ask: *Has anyone had cataract surgery? How did it go? How did it help your eyesight?* Share the MrBeast story related to helping 1,000 people get free cataract surgery. Discuss why people may celebrate a story like MrBeast helping people see again and yet struggle with the story of Jesus healing a blind man. Say: *Sometimes, our own beliefs and traditions can get in the way of accepting the truth of Jesus. Jesus reveals truth to those who seek Him.* Share that today’s session focuses on a man who had been born blind and how he responded once Jesus changed his life.

Summarize and Challenge

To supplement **SUMMARIZE AND CHALLENGE**, lead adults to recall the story of MrBeast helping others get needed cataract surgery. Say: *What MrBeast did is absolutely incredible. While he may do a lot of things to get more viewers and subscribers, we know that 1,000 people received the gift of sight because of his efforts.* Discuss how those 1,000 people feel after having their cataracts removed. Ask: *What impact did their physical healing have on their lives?* Note that Jesus also gave sight to the blind man in John 9 and changed his life forever. Emphasize that regaining his physical sight was only part of the story. Highlight the eternal impact receiving his spiritual sight had on the man. Complete the application activity as noted in the group plan.