



Please feel free to pause the video giving yourself time to reflect and pray.

Music and Call to Worship

Confession and Assurance

Confession:

Leader

To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory. Too often we turn to the riches of this world for comfort in order to numb the pain of our souls apart from Your presence.

Together

I confess that I have worshipped the idol of comfort. Forgive me, O God of all comfort.

Leader

Too often we twist our relationship with God and try to use Him to accomplish our purposes, desires and ambitions, as though power is ours and He serves us.

Together

I confess that I have worshiped the idol of power. Forgive me, O God of all power.

Leader

Too often we strive to eliminate uncertainty by trying to control our health, relationships, and circumstances as true security.

Together

I confess that I have worshiped the idol of control. Forgive me, O God, Ruler of all.

Leader

Too often we spend our lives seeking the applause and good opinions of those around us in an attempt to prove our worth in this world.

Together

I confess that I have worshiped the idol of approval. Forgive me, O God who defines my worth.

We have exchanged the glory of God for idols.

Assurance:

Leader

For all those who look on the Son of God, hear the promise of Jesus, the Idol Crusher, "Whoever comes to me, I will never cast out." (John 6:37)

The God of all comfort sees you in your distress. He promises nearness and defense to all who call on him. Through Jesus, you have not been given a Spirit of fear, but of power, love and a sound mind.

Your sovereign King works all things together for your good, you are free to rest in His control that never fails. Your Father gets the final word over you, "You are my child and with you I am well pleased."

Together

God supplies all our needs from His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.
Thanks be to God!

Intercession

Message: “Spiritual Blindness” John 9:5-41

Benediction

Questions for Discussion and Meditation:

1. What do you think is one of the most common areas of spiritual blindness among believers?
2. What was a time in the past where you were spiritually blind in the moment, but later could see the truth?
3. How does the perspective that the lost around you are spiritually blind change how you relate to and share with them? Does it give you more compassion or more frustration?
4. How do you think you should go about confronting someone that has an area of spiritual blindness? Both believers and unbelievers.
5. How do you feel about the idea that you have spiritual blind spots? How should you go about finding those and addressing them?

Ethos Kids!

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X4qZ2KSbdxI&feature=youtu.be>

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