

# Notes: "When Your Eyes Lie to You."

## FORMED

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## Main Thought

When we refuse God's process of formation, we don't just live wrong—we see wrong.

You become...

- Saved but suspicious.
- Blessed but bitter.
- Loved but insecure.
- Forgiven but unforgiving.
- Called but confused.

Because the greatest danger isn't blind eyes.

**It's distorted eyes.**

### Formed people ask:

- "What is God teaching me?"
- "How can I grow?"
- "How can I serve?"
- "How can I honor Christ?"
- "What does Scripture say?"

### Deformed people ask:

- "How did they disrespect me?"
- "Why does this always happen to me?"
- "Who can I blame?"
- "How can I protect myself?"
- "How do I feel?"

## Mark 8:22-26

### The Yeast of the Pharisees and Herod

<sup>14</sup> The disciples had forgotten to bring bread, except for one loaf they had with them in the boat. <sup>15</sup> "Be careful," Jesus warned them. "Watch out for the yeast of the Pharisees and that of Herod."

<sup>16</sup> They discussed this with one another and said, "It is because we have no bread."

<sup>17</sup> Aware of their discussion, Jesus asked them: "Why are you talking about having no bread? Do you still not see or understand? Are your hearts hardened?" <sup>18</sup> Do you have eyes but fail to see, and ears but fail to hear? And don't you remember? <sup>19</sup> When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many basketfuls of pieces did you pick up?" "Twelve," they replied.

<sup>20</sup> "And when I broke the seven loaves for the four thousand, how many basketfuls of pieces did you pick up?"

They answered, "Seven."

<sup>21</sup> He said to them, "Do you still not understand?"

### **Jesus Heals a Blind Man at Bethsaida**

<sup>22</sup> They came to Bethsaida, and some people brought a blind man and begged Jesus to touch him. <sup>23</sup> He took the blind man by the hand and led him outside the village. When he had spit on the man's eyes and put his hands on him, Jesus asked, "Do you see anything?"

<sup>24</sup> He looked up and said, "I see people; they look like trees walking around."

<sup>25</sup> Once more Jesus put his hands on the man's eyes. Then his eyes were opened, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. <sup>26</sup> Jesus sent him home, saying, "Don't even go into<sup>[a]</sup> the village."

## **BIG IDEA**

Many Christians are exactly like this man.

They've encountered Jesus.

But they haven't been formed by Jesus.

They've experienced salvation...

without transformation.

Salvation changes your destination. Formation changes your vision."

## **Deformed People Need More Than a Moment—They Need a Process.**

Many people want a miracle that changes their circumstances. Jesus wants a process that changes their character."

## **Deformed Vision Creates Distorted Reality.**

Whatever has formed you becomes the lens through which you see everyone else.

## **Jesus Refuses to Leave You Seeing Halfway.**

" Jesus loves you too much to leave you looking at people like trees."

" God isn't finished just because you've been forgiven."