

Welcome to Church!

We are glad you chose to join us today to worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We hope that your stay has been both meaningful and memorable.

Here are some activities going on with us!

☐ Free Blood Pressure & Sugar Check-up

Encouraging those who wish to monitor their **Blood Pressure & Blood Sugar** levels to avail of our free check-up, happening **every after Sunday service!**

☐ How can we pray for you?

It is a privilege to pray for you! You may send your **prayer requests** and **praise reports** by text (0912 130 6148), by writing them on the prayer cards provided, or by sending us a private message on our Facebook page.

☐ Discover life with our Small Groups.

Looking for deeper connections and a closer walk with God? Our **small groups** are where we cultivate meaningful relationships and grow in faith together. Want to join? Visit our Information Booth after the service to find the perfect group for you!

☐ Stay for fellowship and refreshments.

Stick around after the service for **coffee** and **connection!** It's the perfect chance to meet some friendly faces, learn more about our small groups, our ministries, and discover all that our church has to offer. We'd love to see you there!

Schedules for Services:

English Service:

Morning 10:00 AM
Afternoon 01:00 PM

Cebuano Service:

Afternoon 04:00 PM

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**GET IN TOUCH
WITH US!**

Living Word NRA
Worship God. Advance His Kingdom.

WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?

Bread & Blindness: Do You See Who He Is? (Mark Series)
Pastor Nic Sy | August 24, 2025 | Mark 8:22-30

SERMON NOTES

Seeing Jesus clearly is a process, not a moment.

The good news: Jesus isn't done with us.

I. JESUS MEETS US IN OUR BLINDNESS.

God isn't a distant healer. He's a Savior who gets close enough to touch our blindness.

You don't have to open their eyes; you just have to bring them to the One who can.

II. SEEING JESUS CLEARLY IS A PROCESS.

Partial sight is still sight.

Jesus is not frustrated with your process.

God doesn't usually give us the whole map; he gives us the next step.

III. FULL SIGHT LEADS TO TRUE MISSION.

A misunderstood Christ produces a misdirected Christian life.

Full spiritual sight always leads to mission.



We are a church that seeks to bring glory to God, to build the local church through discipleship and to fulfill the Great Commission.

OUR MISSION

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE
For the week of August 25–31, 2025
“WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?”

Getting Started

To the facilitator: Use this section to introduce the topic. If possible, give a brief recap of the sermon.

Share a memorable point, a spiritual lesson, a personal application, a question, or something that challenged you from the sermon last Sunday.

Have you ever mistaken someone for somebody else or someone mistook you for someone else? What happened, and how did the other person react?

Group Discussion

Read Mark 8:22–30.

1. Think about the people who “brought” the blind man to Jesus (Mark 8:22). Who are the people in your life who brought you (or are still bringing you) to Jesus? How have others helped you see spiritual truth more clearly? Is there someone that you are intentionally bringing closer to Christ? Who and why do you do it?

2. Why do you think Jesus healed the blind man in two stages instead of all at once? What might this miracle be teaching us about how God works in our spiritual lives? Have you ever experienced a time when your understanding of God or his will unfolded gradually rather than instantly? What does this teach you about seeking the Lord or waiting upon him?

3. Compare Mark 8:24 (“*I see people, but they look like trees, walking*”) with 2 Corinthians 3:18 (“*And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another.*”) How do these passages help us understand spiritual growth as a process? What are some ways we can cooperate with God as he gradually transforms our vision and character?

4. The people shared different ideas about who Jesus is. Why do you think there were so many different opinions about Jesus? In what ways do people today still “see Jesus” differently, and what are some of the most common misunderstandings you’ve encountered? How might those misunderstandings shape the way people live out their faith or values?

5. In verse 29, Jesus makes the question personal: “*But who do you say that I am?*” Why is it important that our answer goes beyond what others believe? How would you describe who Jesus is to you personally? What difference does that confession make in your everyday life – at work, at home, and in relationships?

6. Throughout this passage, Jesus shows remarkable patience with both the blind man’s incomplete healing and the disciples’ gradual understanding. How does Jesus’ patience in this story encourage you in areas where your spiritual sight still feels unclear? Is there a person in your life today whom you think you should do the same to?

7. Read Mark 8:31–33 to see what happens after our passage. Why do you think Jesus wanted the disciples to keep quiet about his identity as the Christ (v.30)? What does Peter’s reaction to Jesus’ teaching about suffering tell us about the difference between seeing Jesus clearly and understanding what following him actually means? How does this help us understand that seeing Jesus clearly is not just about knowing the right words but grasping his mission?

Next Steps

Seeing Jesus is a process, not a moment.

- I will thank God for the people who helped bring me closer to Jesus.
- I will be intentional in helping someone take one step closer to Christ.
- I will trust God’s timing when his work in my life feels slow or unfinished.
- I will be intentional to live out my confession of Christ at work, at home, and in my relationships.
- I will show patience toward others who are still growing in their understanding of Jesus.

Closing the Session

Close the session by taking the time to *pray for one another*. Consider the following as you pray:

- Pray for eyes to see Jesus clearly and the courage to confess Jesus boldly, like Peter.
- Intercede for one another, that God would use you to help bring others closer to Christ.
- Pray for relationships to grow with other Christ-followers, that you will encourage and care for one another.
- Pray for your unsaved family, friends, and loved ones.
- Pray for protection, provision, healing and comfort for everyone who’s going through physical, emotional, mental and spiritual pain.

BIBLE READING GUIDE

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| August 25 | Mark 8:22–26 |
| August 26 | Mark 8:27–30 |
| August 27 | Isaiah 42:5–9 |
| August 28 | Psalms 119:17–24 |
| August 29 | 2 Kings 6:15–17 |
| August 30 | Psalms 74:1–11 |
| August 31 | Psalms 74:12–23 |