

Jackpot: What If You Got It All?

John 9:1-11 (MSG) *Walking down the street, Jesus saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked, "Rabbi, who sinned: this man or his parents, causing him to be born blind?" Jesus said, "You're asking the wrong question. You're looking for someone to blame. There is no such cause-effect here. Look instead for what God can do. We need to be energetically at work for the One who sent me here, working while the sun shines. When night falls, the workday is over. For as long as I am in the world, there is plenty of light. I am the world's Light." He said this and then spit in the dust, made a clay paste with the saliva, rubbed the paste on the blind man's eyes, and said, "Go, wash at the Pool of Siloam" (Siloam means "Sent"). The man went and washed—and saw. Soon the town was buzzing. His relatives and those who year after year had seen him as a blind man begging were saying, "Why, isn't this the man we knew, who sat here and begged?" Others said, "It's him all right!" But others objected, "It's not the same man at all. It just looks like him." He said, "It's me, the very one." They said, "How did your eyes get opened?" "A man named Jesus made a paste and rubbed it on my eyes and told me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' I did what He said. When I washed, I saw."*

What part did Jesus play in the healing of the blind beggar?

What part did the blind beggar play in his healing?

What did the blind beggar say to his friends and relatives when they asked how his eyes were opened?

1. I was blind.
2. I met Jesus.
3. I can see.

1 Peter 3:15 (NIV) *Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect...*

Instructions from the Lord:

1. Don't judge people because they are in sin.
2. Always look for an opportunity to do God's work.
3. Don't miss the opportunities you have to tell people about Jesus.

**Step#1 - Identify the people you know who need Jesus.
(Now - March 2)**

- a. Who is God calling you to reach?
 - People with whom you have an existing relationship

- People who aren't living for Christ
- People who don't have a church home
- People who live in driving distance of The Oaks

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

b. Pray for them (every day)

1. Pray their eyes will be opened to the truth about Jesus.
2. Pray the Lord will send other people to witness to them.
3. Pray God will give you a chance to minister to them.

Step #2 - Invest in their lives. Energetically look for ways to do God's work.
(March 2- March 23)

- a. How can you serve them?
- b. How can you bless them?
- c. How can you spend time with them?

Step #3 - Invite them to investigate the claims of Christ.
(March 23- Easter Weekend April 18-20)

- a. Invite them out to eat with friends from The Oaks (when the time is right).
- b. Invite them to a small group discussion (when the time is right).
- c. Invite them to church with you (when the time is right).