

Session Thirteen: Lessons from the Cure of the Blind Man

Opening Prayer

Who sinned? This man or his parents?

- The danger of thinking that God punishes us with suffering and sickness.
- The condition of human lack or want opens up a space for God to operate and show himself.

God chooses his own means to heal: mud and water

- Sacraments are extensions of the actions of this story: God utilizing physical matter to facilitate grace and transformation.

The trust and obedience of the man to go and wash.

What does it mean to see? To be blind?

- Perhaps the pharisees of this story had arrived at a place where the Mosaic rituals replaced God rather than leading to God.
- They were so confident in their apparent insight that they did not see how little they understood.
- They do not listen to the voice of the cured man even though he states what is true. Their pride has blinded them.
- Wisdom often comes to us from unlikely places.

The relationship between facts and faith.

- What happens when our desire for evidence becomes an excuse not to stretch out our hearts in faith?

Good and Bad shepherds (John 10)

- A good shepherd lays down his life, risks his life, for his sheep.

End of Session Thirteen