The Gospels: Seeing Clearly with Spiritual Discernment



Explore the Gospels to understand spiritual sight and discernment, following Jesus' call to avoid being blind leaders and become true disciples.





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Introduction

Welcome to this 3-day Bible study on the Gospels and spiritual discernment.

The Gospels—Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John—are central to understanding the life and teachings of Jesus. In Luke 6:39, Jesus warns about the danger of "the blind leading the blind," a metaphor that emphasizes the importance of spiritual sight and understanding, especially for His followers. As disciples, we are called to be those who see clearly with our hearts and minds so that we can guide others rightly.

Too often, people follow teachings and leaders without discerning the truth, leading themselves and others astray. The Gospels teach us how to cultivate spiritual sight—learning to hear God's voice, grasp His truth, and live in obedience. This study will help us explore what it means to be spiritually discerning disciples in a world filled with confusion, false teachings, and distractions.

Over the next three days, we'll dive into key passages that highlight spiritual insight and the responsibility Jesus gave His followers to lead with clarity and truth. You'll be encouraged to examine your own spiritual vision, understand the pitfalls of blindness, and embrace the transformative power of Jesus' teachings. Let's prepare to open our eyes and hearts to the rich lessons within the Gospels!















Your Verse

Luke 6:39 – "He also told them this parable: 'Can the blind lead the blind? Will they not both fall into a pit?'"

Supporting Scriptures

- Matthew 15:14 "They are blind guides. If the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit."
- John 9:39 "Jesus said, 'For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind.""







Devotional: Recognizing Spiritual Blindness and Its Pitfalls

Jesus uses powerful imagery in Luke 6:39 to warn us against spiritual blindness. Being 'blind' here means lacking understanding and insight into God's truth. Jesus asks a probing question: can the blind lead the blind? The answer is clear—both will fall into a pit, symbolizing spiritual failure and destruction.

In today's world, spiritual blindness is an even greater danger. It's easy to follow teachings that sound good but are not rooted in Scripture. As disciples, we must ask ourselves whether we truly see clearly with eyes of faith.

God invites us to open our eyes through Jesus, who said in John 9:39 that He came so the blind would see. Spiritual discernment starts with recognizing our own need for God's guidance. It's a humble acknowledgment that without Him, we risk stumbling and misleading others.

Today is a call to examine what might be clouding your spiritual vision and to surrender to Jesus, the light of the world.







Reflect and Apply

1.	What areas of your life might you be spiritually blind to right now?
	How can you develop greater humility to acknowledge your need for God's guidance?
	In what ways might you have inadvertently led others without clear spiritual insight?







Journaling Prompts

1.	Write about a time you followed guidance that led to confusion or harm. What did you learn?
2.	List obstacles that hinder your spiritual sight and ways to overcome them.
3.	Describe how you can lean more on Jesus to open your spiritual eyes.







Prayer for Today

Lord, I pray that You would open the eyes of my heart today. Help me recognize any spiritual blindness in my life and give me the humility to seek Your truth above all else. Guide my steps so I do not fall into the pit of confusion or lead others astray. Teach me to listen closely to Your Word and be a clear and faithful follower of Jesus. Thank You for being the light that reveals all truth and dispels darkness. Amen. \bigwedge \Leftrightarrow \bigvee \bigcap







Day 2: Seeing Through the Teachings of Jesus









Day 2: Q Seeing Through the Teachings of Jesus

Your Verse

Matthew 7:24-25 - "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock..."

Supporting Scriptures

- Luke 11:33 "No one lights a lamp and puts it in a place where it will be hidden... Instead, they put it on a stand, so that those who come in can see the light."
- John 8:12 "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."







Day 2: Q Seeing Through the Teachings of Jesus

Devotional: Building on Christ's Teachings for Spiritual Clarity

Spiritual discernment isn't just about avoiding blindness; it's also about seeing clearly what Jesus teaches and living it out. In Matthew 7:24–25, Jesus compares a wise person who hears His words and acts on them to a man who builds his house on a solid rock foundation. The storms come, but the house stands firm because its foundation is sure.

Being spiritually sighted means recognizing Jesus as the truth and allowing His teachings to shape our lives. Luke 11:33 reminds us not to hide our light but to let it shine for others. As disciples, our discernment helps us identify truth from error and boldly live in the light of Christ.

Jesus declared Himself the light of the world (John 8:12), and when we follow Him, we do not walk in darkness. This clarity protects us from being blind guides ourselves and enables us to lead others well.







Day 2: \mathbb{Q} Seeing Through the Teachings of Jesus

Reflect and Apply

1.	How well are you building your life on the foundation of Jesus' teachings?
	Are there areas where your actions don't align with what you've heard from Scripture?
3.	How can your life be a light that helps others see the truth?







Day 2: \mathbb{Q} Seeing Through the Teachings of Jesus

Journaling Prompts

1.	Reflect on a teaching of Jesus that has deeply impacted your life and why.
2.	Describe ways you can better apply Jesus' words daily.
3.	Write about how you can encourage others to walk in the light with you.







Day 2: Q Seeing Through the Teachings of Jesus

Prayer for Today

Jesus, You are the rock and the light of my life. Help me to build my life firmly on Your word and to be a clear light in a world filled with darkness. Grant me discernment to recognize truth and courage to act on it. May my life reflect Your teachings so that others may be drawn to Your light. Keep me from becoming a blind guide and lead me in Your path of righteousness. Amen.















Your Verse

Hebrews 5:14 - "But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil."

Supporting Scriptures

- 1 Corinthians 2:14 "The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God..."
- Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him..."







Devotional: Maturing in Discernment to Lead Others Wisely

As disciples who are spiritually sighted, we carry a responsibility to guide others wisely. Hebrews 5:14 speaks of maturity as the ability to discern good from evil through training and experience. Spiritual discernment is a skill developed by staying close to God, meditating on His Word, and living in the Spirit.

1 Corinthians 2:14 reminds us that true spiritual understanding comes from the Spirit of God and not human wisdom alone. We must humbly submit to God's leading and not rely solely on our own understanding (Proverbs 3:5-6).

In this way, we avoid the danger of becoming "blind leaders," but rather become mature guides who help others walk in truth and light. This is how the Gospels call us to live and lead—grounded in Jesus and empowered by the Spirit.







Reflect and Apply

1.	What steps are you taking to grow in spiritual maturity and discernment?
	Are you open to the Spirit's guidance when it challenges your own understanding?
	How can you support others in growing spiritually without leading them blindly?







Journaling Prompts

	Write about a time when God helped you discern between right and wrong.
2.	List practical ways to develop deeper spiritual maturity this week.
3.	Reflect on how you can be a better spiritual guide to someone in your life.







Prayer for Today

Father, thank You for the gift of Your Spirit who teaches and guides us. Help me to grow in spiritual maturity so I can distinguish good from evil with clarity. Teach me to lean not on my own understanding but to fully trust You. Empower me to lead others wisely, avoiding the pitfalls of spiritual blindness. May my life reflect Your truth and grace as I serve as a faithful disciple and guide. In Jesus' name, Amen. (**)







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