



Connect

Think of a time your eyes (or a camera) completely fooled you, an optical illusion, a magic trick, a photo that wasn't what it seemed. What happened, and how did you figure out the truth?

Review

Take a couple of minutes to review some of the main ideas from the sermon:

1. **The unseen isn't less real. It's equally real.** The spiritual world is just as real as the physical world, even when we cannot see it. Like Elisha's servant, we often need God to open our eyes to recognize that He is already at work around us.
2. **Sight doesn't change our circumstances. It changes our fear.** Spiritual sight doesn't guarantee that our circumstances will improve, but it does transform how we face them. God's promise is not that we'll avoid hardship, but that nothing can separate us from His presence and love.
3. **Spiritual sight isn't automatic. It's cultivated.** While God graciously opens our eyes to the truth of the gospel, growing in spiritual perception happens over time through a life of prayer, Scripture, and faithful dependence on Him. As our spiritual sight matures, we're better able to trust God's perspective.

Read 2 Kings 6:8-23

Make Observations: After reading the passage out loud together, give your group a few minutes to make observations on their own. Then go around the group and share the things you observed and discuss them.

Then, read Acts 7:54–8:1. Take three minutes to find as many similarities as you can between the two passages.

Discuss

1. Have you ever sensed that something more was going on in a situation than what you could actually see or prove? Describe. What was that like?
2. The sermon said sight doesn't always change our circumstances, but it changes our fear. What did you hear in that idea that struck you, and did any part of it sit uneasily with you?
3. Pastor Eric shared that he can't fully know whether his surgeon's skill or God's unseen work (or both) led to his cancer being caught in time. Where in your own life have you wondered about that same overlap between the "seen" and the "unseen"?
4. The sermon described spiritual sight as something "cultivated," compared to slow, unseen root growth. What's one practice (e.g., prayer, Scripture, journaling, community) that you sense God might be inviting you to grow in right now, even if the results aren't visible yet?

Apply

Break up into smaller groups of three, and respond to either of these questions:

- Think of a current fear or hard circumstance in your life. If nothing about that circumstance changed, but your perspective on it did, what would be different about how you're living in it this week?
- The sermon noted that even the king of Israel, who didn't have a close relationship with Elisha, trusted Elisha's sight and acted on it. Who in your life speaks spiritual truth you may not see on your own, and how well do you actually listen to them?

Pray

Close your time by praying Elisha's simple prayer over one another: "Lord, open his eyes" or "Lord, open her eyes." Go around the group and let each person share one fear, burden, or blind spot they're carrying. Then pray in pairs or as a whole group, asking God to open each person's eyes to what's actually true and to His presence in that specific situation, not to remove the circumstance, but to reorder the fear.