



REVEILLE'S GPS WEEKLY SCRIPTURE GUIDE

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March 15, 2026

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Lenten Sermon Series: "Out of the Wilderness"

Sermon Title: "Anything But the Truth!" by Rev. Dr. Peter Moon

Use the space below to reflect on the questions in this week's devotionals, make class and sermon notes, and write down prayers and concerns.

Questions for small groups and individual reflection:

1. The blind man literally "sees the light." The Pharisees are stuck in the darkness. Why does the blind man see and the Pharisees stay in the dark?
2. Do you think there are any places where you are "in the dark" when it comes to your understanding of and belief in who Jesus is? How can you come "into the light"?
3. The sermon this week will also speak to the relationship between humility and seeing truth. What do you "see" as the relationship between the two?

Monday, March 9: Read John 9:1-12

To what lengths will we often go to avoid seeing the truth? This week, we explore this age-old and all-too-modern phenomenon by slowing down and reading the entire ninth chapter of John, which is comprised of a lengthy account of a blind man who sees the truth and sighted Pharisees (and even disciples) who refuse to see the truth right in front of them. To our modern eyes, this story begins with a series of seemingly ignorant statements. The disciples assume blindness is a punishment for sin. Neighbors can't recognize the healed blind man standing right in front of them. But when do we jump to quick conclusions, seeing blame when none exists? When do we refuse to see someone's true self when the evidence is right in front of us?

- **Relationship Opportunity:** Discuss if you have seen someone go to great lengths to avoid an obvious truth. When have you perhaps done this yourself?

Tuesday, March 10: Read John 9:13-23

We have an expression today, “They can’t see the forest for the trees.” Sometimes we lose sight of the main issue because we pay excessive attention to the details instead. This certainly seems to be the case in some of the Pharisees, who are more upset about Jesus working on the Sabbath than excited about his having healed a blind man. Others are trying to see, but aren’t sure. The blind man himself, however, does see the big picture – that Jesus is not a sinner; he is something more, something holy. He doesn’t see the full picture, but he is getting close. When do we miss the forest for the trees? Are we willing to keep searching for the truth, even when we don’t fully understand?

- **Discipleship Opportunity:** *Spend time reflecting on when you might be missing the forest for the trees in terms of your faith, beliefs, and practice. What might need to change?*

Wednesday, March 11: Read John 9:24-34

In our modern world, we are unfortunately very familiar with the ability for people in power to say, “Give glory to God by telling the truth...We know this man is a sinner.” (verse 24) Facts and truth can be willfully ignored when they go against our preconceived ideas and long-held beliefs. The now-seeing man shows greater courage and sight than most people, past and present. He will not let fear, intimidation, or blind belief stand in the way of both seeing and witnessing the truth right in front of him – that Jesus is from God and did what only God can do. Would we have been as courageous as this man?

- **Study Opportunity:** *Research the biblical figures who allowed their beliefs to be changed when shown the truth. What factors allowed them to do this?*

Thursday, March 12: Read John 9:35-41

Take note of the beauty of John 9:35. The now-seeing blind man was thrown out scornfully from the gathering of the Pharisees. Jesus hears this, then “found him.” This is the first time the man had laid physical eyes on the one who had healed him. He sees beyond Jesus’s physical appearance. He recognizes him as the son of God. The Pharisees, who were sighted the whole time, fail to see Jesus’s identity. They are the ones truly blind, and willingly so. Today’s verses speak loudly to all of us who have the ability to see truth but willingly turn the other way. What would Jesus say to us today?

- **Discipleship and Relationship Opportunity:** *Discuss ways you can more faithfully and intentionally seek and see the truth, rather than turn the other way.*

Friday, March 13: Read Ephesians 5:8-14

“For you were once darkness, but now *you are* light in the Lord. Walk as children of light.” Our final reading today, taken from this week’s common lectionary, serves as a perfect capstone to our study for Sunday. We are urged to not just see the light, but to be the light. We are to shed light on darkness, refusing to allow willful blindness, untruths, and shameful deeds thrive. If we cannot see the relevance of this message in our world today, then we are choosing to willfully turn away from the truths in front of us. What will we do about it? Where will we be the light?

- **Discipleship Opportunity:** *Choose this day to begin walking as a child of light in a place that is currently filled with too much darkness – including places of darkness in your own life.*

Saturday, March 14: SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION: 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.”

Sunday, March 15: Let us prepare our hearts and minds with our Prayer of Confession:

Holy Lord, you have come to us as light, but we prefer darkness. You shine your truth upon this world and into our hearts, but we hide in fear. We exchange your truth for a lie. We prefer our way over your way. Have mercy on us, O Lord. May your light and truth burn through our fear, so that we may once again see the hope that you offer us this day, for we ask it in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.