



**GROUP  
STUDY**

# WHAT DO YOU SEE

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## INTRODUCTION

[1 Kings 18: 41-45](#), [Mark 8: 22-25](#)

- Have you and someone else ever been looking at something – and you both notice something different? Every had an argument about what colour something really is? Has a family member ever been looking for something and you've said "Can't you see it? It's right there in front of your eyes!"
- How is it possible for two people to look at the same thing – and yet see different things?

## DISCOVERY

### The Vision of Faith

[2 Corinthians 5:7](#)

1. What does this verse show us about the way we are meant to "see" things?
2. Think of an example from your own life where it was a struggle to walk by 'faith' because your circumstances (your 'sight') were so overwhelming?
3. If you have time, discuss Peter's dilemma in [Matthew 14: 25-33](#) (Peter walking on water)
4. **Read [Luke 11:34](#)** "Your eye is the lamp of your body ..." Read the whole verse – what does it say about how we are affected by "what we see and how we see it"?

### The Vision of Elijah

5. **Set the scene for [1 Kings 18](#)**

- King Ahab had led God's people to worship false Gods
- God had withheld the rain for 3 years
- Elijah has just demonstrated that his God is the real God
- ***But where is the rain?***

6. **Read [1 Kings 18:41](#)**

There is no rain at this stage. How can Elijah say: "There is the sound of a heavy rain"?

7. **Read [1 Kings 18: 42-43](#)**

- a) Each time Elijah's servant goes out to check the weather report, what does his 'sight' tell him?
- b) Have you ever trusted God for something, and time and time again you looked for his answer but could not see it? What was this like for you?

8. **Read 1 Kings 18:44-45**

- a) What does Elijah's servant see the 7<sup>th</sup> time he checks?
- b) How can this possibly be God's mighty answer to prayer?  
Can you think of a time where you were praying for something BIG from God, and the answer seemed really SMALL?

9. **What does this passage from 1 Kings 18 say about not only WHAT we see, but HOW we see it?**

### The Vision of the Blind Man

10. **Read Mark 8: 22-25** - Jesus heals the blind man

- a) What did the friends do?
- b) What did Jesus do?
- c) What happened to the blind man
- d) **(the important question) – “What is the point of this biblical account? What are we meant to learn from it?”**

SOME MAIN POINTS:

- The friends had the vision to bring their friend to Jesus.
- What was really needed was not his sight, but it was Jesus
- When the paralysed man encounters Jesus, he sees everything clearly.
- Who can you bring before Jesus so that their vision will be changed forever.

## THE CHALLENGE

5-5-40 Challenge, you find 5 friends who need clear vision of Jesus and for Jesus to step into their situation. Pray for the each for 5 mins a day for 40 days.

5 -friends

5 -minutes

40- days

PRAYER POINTS

- For each member in the group
- For Our Leaders
- For Our Church
- For those in your life who don't have a relationship with Jesus yet.

# THE ISSUE OF THE HEART

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## INTRODUCTION

[Luke 6:45](#) ; [Proverbs 4:23](#)

From these scriptures we can see that what we let into our heart can affect everything about us. This study will challenge you to guard and build your hearts so that you can guard and build your vision.

1. Think of a time when you bought something – that looked great on the outside – but you later found out was decaying inside.
2. Have you ever discovered this with a person? They looked trustworthy on the outside, but in the end you couldn't trust them? (no names please!)
3. True or false?  
"WHAT'S ON THE INSIDE IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN WHAT'S ON THE OUTSIDE"

## DISCOVERY

What does God say about your heart?

4. What are these scriptures really saying about your heart? Why does it really matter? Can you rewrite some of these in your own words? What do some other translations say?
  - [Proverbs 4:23](#)
  - [Matthew 12:33](#)
  - [1 Samuel 16:7](#)
5. 2 of the great leaders of the Old Testament were King David, and his son, King Solomon, who became king after him.
  - Which do you think was the better leader. Why?  
David normally gets the popular vote here, but consider what Solomon achieved,  
*The kingdom was bigger under Solomon than David*  
*The kingdom was richer under Solomon than David*  
*The temple was finished under Solomon, not David*  
*The wisest person in the world was Solomon, not David*  
*The nation of Israel became the world's superpower under Solomon, not David.*
  - So why is David always regarded in the bible as the better leader?  
[Read 1 Kings 11:4](#)

## TRANSFORMATION

6. Use these scriptures to find out & discuss what can we do to strengthen our hearts?

- [Romans 12: 1-2](#)
- [Philippians 4: 6-7](#)

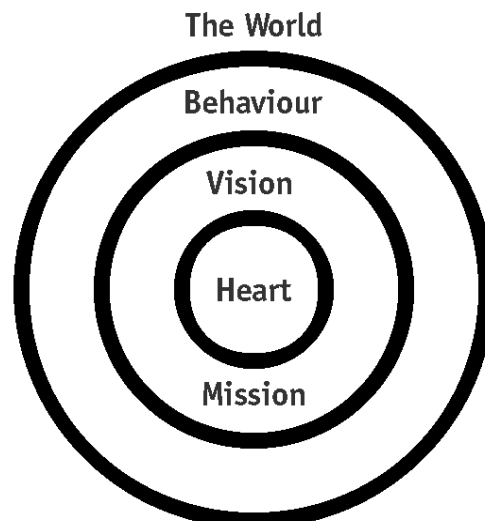
## CHALLENGE

Do you remember the circles that Pastor Phil drew in his message?

*Print out the "Target" on the back page.  
Revise what Pastor Phil taught us:*

***If you have a strong heart –  
it will change your vision and mission –  
which will change your behaviour –  
which will change your world  
(change starts in the middle and works outwards)***

***But if your heart is not strong –  
the world will start changing your behaviour –  
which will change your vision and mission –  
which will end up changing your heart  
(change starts on the outside and works inwards)***



7. **What one thing you can do this week to help grow your heart (be specific!)**

8. **So how are you going with The 5-5-40 Challenge**

- Identifying 5 non-Christian family members or friends
- Committing yourself to pray for them for 5 minutes each day
- For 40 Days