

5. One step we can take to make disciples is to invite friends to church. At church they can be introduced to Jesus in a way that is easy to understand. Easter is a great opportunity to invite friends to church, as the sermon will be focused on helping people take next steps in their faith journey. Spend some time thinking of people who you can invite to church this Easter.

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## Internally Strong, Externally Focused:

John 9:1-38

**OVERCOMING OUR \_\_\_\_\_ RESISTANCES \_\_\_\_\_ TO SHARING JESUS...**

**...ALLOWS US TO CELEBRATE A \_\_\_\_\_ CHANGED LIFE \_\_\_\_\_**

### WHY WE ARE SOMETIMES RESISTANT TO SHARING JESUS

**RESISTANCE #1: A LACK OF \_\_\_\_\_ COMPASSION \_\_\_\_\_**

*Jesus' disciples*

**RESISTANCE #2: A LACK OF \_\_\_\_\_ HOPE \_\_\_\_\_**

*The man's neighbors*

**RESISTANCE #3: A LACK OF \_\_\_\_\_ COURAGE \_\_\_\_\_**

*The man's parents*

**RESISTANCE #4: A LACK OF \_\_\_\_\_ AWE \_\_\_\_\_**

*Pharisees*

**RESISTANCE #5: A LACK OF \_\_\_\_\_ KNOW-HOW \_\_\_\_\_**

*Jesus shows us how*

**Who are the people God has put in your path?**

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## Growth Group Homework

For the Week of April 17, 2011

### QUICK REVIEW

1. Looking back at your notes from this week's message, what challenged you the most? What questions do you have?

### MY STORY

1. What is your first memory of church? Who brought you?
  
2. What are some things you love about church?

### DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read **1 Timothy 2:1-6**. What stands out to you?

Who are we to be praying for? Why?

2. God's desire is to see the whole world restored to Himself. How is this possible?

What prevents people from coming to Him?

What should our response be to those people?

3. Read **2 Peter 3:8-9**. What does this tell us about God's character?

How does God lead people to repentance?

### TAKING IT HOME

4. Read **Matthew 28:17-20**. These verses are known as the Great Commission. What is Jesus calling us to do?

What does it mean to make disciples?

What are some things that keep us from living this out?

What encouragement do we have living out that call?