Vision and Thanksgiving – Growing Toward Thanksgiving

After saying this, He spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. "Go," He told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means "Sent"). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.
His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, "Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?" Some claimed that he was. Others said, "No, he only looks like him."
But he himself insisted, "I am the man."
"How then were your eyes opened?" they asked.
He replied, "The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see."
"Where is this man?" they asked him.
"I don't know," he said. John 9:6-12

Last week: "Who Saw Whom?"

God's initiative. *"Jesus saw a man blind from birth."* God sees us, regardless of our ability to see God.
Seeing those around us
Ask God to give you eyes to notice people, and to bring them to the Lord.

Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Through Him, we can see everything more clearly.
This man who had been unable to see saw Jesus… and believed and worshiped.
He C_____ with God through Jesus.

Our own stories

For our man, his spiritual vision came N_____ all at once.
How about for us?

One story: People are to be loved; and people are to be vessels and channels of God's love coming to me.
That doesn't mean people are always E_____ to love (or always good at loving…)
It would be nice to think that once we have learned something, we are always different.

Growing in Our F_____ Vision

Past
How did you grow T_____ faith?
Something you did? Something God did?
God sees us first – P_____ grace.
How have you grown in your faith… recently?

Present
How are you growing now?
Personal devotion time; Service; Life Group; Worship…

Future
How would God have you grow?
What's a way or an area in which you'd like to see more C_____?
Ex… Prayer? Jesus' return? Forgiveness of my sins? Forgiving someone else?

The man from John 9

"This happened so that the W_____ of G_____ might be displayed in him."
Can we see God more clearly through his life?
Our man went & washed and came home seeing. And then…

Nine points in his story of growth in faith

1) I know me.
2) I don't know Him.
3) Here's what happened.
   Basic reporting. Empirical evidence
4) He's a prophet.
5) I don't know *"whether He is a sinner or not."*
   We do well to not pretend we know more than we do.
6) Our man is beginning to see deeper (v. 27).
7) He is from God.
8) T____ M__ about the Son of Man, so that I may believe.
9) He believed and he worshipped

Next Steps

1) Write a description of how your spiritual vision has developed.
2) What is a recent step of growth in your spiritual vision?
3) Name one way you'd like to see more clearly.

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