

# The Year Of Following Jesus #133 Can You See Anything?

July 8, 2024

*Welcome Home!*  
*Thanks for joining us today*

**July 13 & 14, 2024**

Your Grace is Enough

**Welcome**

Goodness of God

**Lord's Supper Thought**

Holy Forever

**Prayer**

**Communion**

**Lesson: The Year(s) of Following Jesus**

**#133 - Jesus Heals a Blind Man ... Again -**

**Pastor Ed**



## **Good Stuff To Know**

**Riverside Services Online-** If you aren't in town on the weekend, you can still follow our services. We live stream each service on Facebook! You can also watch them anytime through Facebook by navigating over to <https://www.facebook.com/EagleRiverside>. And you don't need a Facebook account to watch the videos.

**Offerings To Riverside - In case you were wondering-** We don't pass a collection plate at Riverside. If you'd like to give, there are boxes at the back & envelopes in the information racks for cash donations. If you would like the convenience of giving online, go to [www.EagleRiverside.com](http://www.EagleRiverside.com), click on "Give" and follow the directions. Your donations are an answer to our prayers and are the only means by which Riverside is able to operate.

**FAQs -** Have questions about why we do what we do and why we don't do what we don't do? Chances are you'll find more about it on our FAQs page. You can access the page from our website or text the word "Guest" to 907-312-2662 and you'll receive a link to the page.



### First Time Visitors

#### The Lord's Supper (Communion)

This is a time when we "commune" with God and remember Jesus' sacrifice. We also "commune" with one another as His church family. You are welcome to participate with us by going to one of the tables set up with trays- each cup is actually 2 cups (bread in bottom and juice on top) so grab a set of cups and take it back to your place (and don't forget to social distance). You can eat/drink the cracker and juice whenever you feel ready and then throw the cups away on your way out (there are trash cans at all exits). Ask if you need gluten free. Everyone is welcome to join us if you're interested in remembering Jesus' life & sacrifice with us.

"Welcome To Riverside" brochure available online.  
[www.EagleRiverside.com](http://www.EagleRiverside.com)

### This Week At Riverside

(Specific info about these activities is listed in the "Happenings" section)

- ➔ Potluck Sunday @ 12:30
- ➔ Ignite/Rev Monday
- ➔ Bible Study Wednesday
- ➔ Thrive Thursday - permission slips needed
- ➔ Alive Friday - hiking

#### Need To Talk?...

The church office is not staffed during the week. There is a preschool that uses our building, so Ed, Aniela & Nate work from home. If you would like to contact them directly you can call them or email and set up an appointment.

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Facebook: EagleRiverside

### Riverside Happenings

**Riverside Service Project-** Items for Women's Shelter/Transitional housing: Cleaning supplies- toilet bowl cleaner, sponges, dish soap, all purpose cleaner. Food - canned goods. Chili, soup, box milk, dried fruit, nuts, peanut butter etc Other - Tupperware, silverware, pillows.

**Bible Study** - Meeting Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30pm, led by Jake Belford. This is an opportunity to fill up your tank mid week with Jesus! All are welcome, no experience required.

**Young Adults Group** - Meeting Fridays. Next meeting 7/19. Text Cassie.

**Ladies Craft Day** - Bring your own craft and a dish to share. Saturday, August 10th, 10am-4pm at the church. See Becky 812-449-7004.

**Riverside Potluck** - July 14th after the 2nd service. See Lenea.

**Baptism** - Want to get baptized or have questions? Scan the QR code or go to [www.EagleRiverside.com/baptism](http://www.EagleRiverside.com/baptism)



**Write to our missionaries-** Contact Hank at 713 548 7446.

**VBS** - August 5-8 from 6:00 - 7:30pm. Sign up your kids and/or sign up to help out. <https://eagleriverside.churchcenter.com/people/forms/773933>

**Riverside App** - Did you know Riverside has its own app? You can watch LiveStreams, watch/listen to previous lessons, read daily reflections and download this bulletin and the lesson notes (among other things). Scan the QR code to download the app.



### Upcoming Youth Events

**Monday, July 15th, 6:00 - 7:30**

Ignite and Rev (our two younger youth groups) will combine at Riverside for pizza, games, and a devotional.

For 4th - 8th graders. Questions? Like to help?

See Cassie.



**Thursday, July 18th, 6:00 - 8:00**

9th - 12th graders. At Riverside. Pizza, games, and a devotional.

Questions? Like to help? See Aniela.



To get updates, text the following to **907.312.2662**:

"IGNITE" (4th & 5th) "REV" (6th-8th), -or- "THRIVE" (9th-12th).

Everybody's Welcome...

Nobody's Perfect...

Anything's Possible!

Following

# The Year(s) Of ^Jesus #133

## Jesus Heals A Blind Guy- Strangely

WHY DID THE MAN JESUS HEALED IN MARK 8:24 AT FIRST SEE PEOPLE

# "like trees walking"?

*When they arrived at Bethsaida, some people brought a*

*blind man to Jesus, and they begged him to touch the man and heal him.*

*—Mark 8:22 (NLT)*

### **3 Observations On Blindness:**

#### **1. We Are All Blind.**

- *Jesus took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village.*

*—Mark 8:23 (NLT)*

- *Don't you know or understand even yet? Are your hearts too hard to take it in? 'You have eyes—can't you see? You have ears—can't you hear?' Don't you remember anything at all?*

*—Mark 8:17-18 (NLT)*

#### **2. Our Healing Is A Process.**

- *Then, spitting on the man's eyes, he laid his hands on him and asked, "Can you see anything now?" The man looked around. "Yes," he said, "I see people, but I can't see them very clearly. They look like trees walking around." Then Jesus placed his hands on the man's eyes again, and his eyes were opened. His sight was completely restored, and he could see everything clearly.*

*—Mark 8:23-25 (NLT)*

- *And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.*

*—Philippians 1:6 (NLT)*

- *Be merciful to those who doubt.*

*—Jude :22 (NLT)*

- *Let all who are spiritually mature agree on these things. If you disagree on some point, I believe God*

*will make it plain to you.*

*—Philippians 3:15 (NLT)*

### **3. Everyone's Process Is Unique.**

- *As he was approaching Damascus on this mission, a light from heaven suddenly shone down around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul! Saul! Why are you persecuting me?" "Who are you, lord?" Saul asked. And the voice replied, "I am Jesus, the one you are persecuting! Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do." The men with Saul stood speechless, for they heard the sound of someone's voice but saw no one! Saul picked himself up off the ground, but when he opened his eyes he was blind. So his companions led him by the hand to Damascus.*

*—Acts 9:3-8 (NLT)*

- *So Ananias went and found Saul. He laid his hands on him and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road, has sent me so that you might regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." Instantly something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he got up and was baptized.*

*—Acts 9:17-18 (NLT)*

- *When Simon Peter realized what had happened, he fell to his knees before Jesus and said, "Oh, Lord, please leave me—I'm such a sinful man." ...Jesus replied to Simon, "Don't be afraid! From now on you'll be fishing for people!" And as soon as they landed, they left everything and followed Jesus.*

*—Luke 5:8-11 (NLT)*

- *When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" "Well," they replied, "some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah, and*

*others say Jeremiah or one of the other prophets.”  
Then he asked them, “But who do you say I am?”  
Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the  
Son of the living God.”*

*—Matthew 16:13-17 (NLT)*

- *Jesus replied, “You are blessed, Simon son of John, because my Father in heaven has revealed this to you. You did not learn this from any human being. Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means ‘rock’), and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell[g] will not conquer it.*

*—Matthew 16:17-18 (NLT)*

- *The ways of right-living people glow with light; the longer they live, the brighter they shine. But the road of wrongdoing gets darker and darker—travelers can’t see a thing; they fall flat on their faces.*

*—Proverbs 4:18-19 (NLT)*

## **Follow Through Step:**

**Spend some time reflecting on Jesus’ question—“who do you say that I am?” And tell Jesus you want to see even more.**