



Rock Point Church  
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**The light shines in the darkness.**

**John 8:12 (ESV)**

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**John 9:1-3 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup> As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup> And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him."

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**John 11:4 (ESV)**

<sup>4</sup> But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

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**2. There is no such thing as being sort of Christian.**

## **(TWO OPTIONS: RECEIVE OR RESIST)**

### **RESIST**

- Outright Disbelief
- General Disinterest
- Spiritual Apathy
- Spiritual Anemia
- Hypocrisy
- Deconstruction

**"I am a little crazy, but the world's insane." - Morgan Wallen**

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### **Sign:**

A physical miracle that points to a deeper spiritual principle.

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  - 4. The reality of eternity demands a life of urgency.**

**"If sinners be damned, at least let them leap to Hell over our dead bodies...If Hell must be filled, let it be filled in the teeth of our exertions, and let not one go unwarned and unprayed for."  
- Charles Spurgeon**

### **John 11:8-9 (ESV)**

<sup>8</sup> The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?" <sup>9</sup> Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world.

**"Christianity is the most ridiculous, the most absurd, and bloody religion that has ever infected the world." - Voltaire**

**"One hundred years from my day there will not be a Bible in the earth except one that is looked upon by an antiquarian curiosity seeker." – Voltaire**

### **GROUPS QUESTIONS:**

1. What stood out to you about this week's sermon?
2. Read John 8:12. Jesus declares Himself the "light of the world." What does it practically look like to "walk in the light" in a world that often feels dark and chaotic?
3. John 9:1-3 shows Jesus redirecting blame to purpose. How does this challenge your view of suffering or difficulty in your

life or in others'? Share a time when God used a hard season to reveal His glory in your life.

4. How does this truth change the way we approach pain, injustice, or confusion in our lives?
5. Pastor Nolan said, "There is no such thing as being "sort of" Christian." Why do you think spiritual apathy or spiritual anemia is so common today, and how can we guard against it?
6. Looking at the options of "Receive or Resist," where do you think most people around you fall?
7. What does it look like to actively receive Christ daily, not just passively believe in Him?
8. In John 11:4, Jesus reframes a deadly illness as an opportunity for God's glory. How can we grow in seeing life through the lens of eternity rather than just present circumstances?
9. What are some examples of "insanity" in today's culture that you see differently because of your faith?
10. How should the reality of eternity impact the way we pray, live, and share our faith? Are we living with that kind of urgency?
11. What gives you confidence in the truth and endurance of God's Word, even in a skeptical or hostile culture?