

Resources for engaging further

- View the Sunday message online at vcclive.org.
- For further action
Volunteer with our Disability Ministry. Contact Shelly Welsh at welshx4@att.net.
Check out opportunities to serve at a Joni & Friends summer camp. See the Around the Valley section of *Keeping Connected*.
- Websites
Joni & Friends, www.joniandfriends.org
PURE Ministries, www.pure-ministries.com
- Prayer support

How can this group support you in prayer this coming week?



The Disabled

John 9:1-12

David Glover • February 3, 2013



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Message-based Group Lesson

Overview

We started “The Least of These” message series with the truth that we are created in the image of God and that He has a plan for our lives. Today, we conclude the series with guest speaker, David Glover. David is the founder and president of PURE Ministries, a ministry that “seeks to awaken Christians across the nation and increase awareness of and ministry to people with disabilities and their families through our churches.” Yesterday, David led a training session for respite care, and will speak to us this morning as a part of VCC’s Disability Awareness Weekend.

Engaging with each other

1. Share about a time when you were temporarily disabled due to an injury or surgery. How did that experience change your perspective about being disabled?
2. What is a question that you might have for God about people with disabilities?

Engaging with the Bible

Read John 9:1-12

1. How did the disciples view the situation of the man born blind?
2. When you encounter someone who is disabled what are some of your own views of their situation?
3. What does Jesus say is the source and purpose of the man’s infirmity? (vv. 3-5)

4. How is God glorified in a person with a disability if they haven’t been healed physically?
5. What theme from this message most resonated with you?
6. Was there anything you learned that changed the way you think about people with disabilities?

Engaging with our lives

1. In what ways might being physically healthy be a detriment to our spiritual life?
2. What can we learn from the disability community that would deepen our worship of God?
3. Share a perspective or action that you will change in your day to day approach to the disabled as a result of what you’re learning.
4. Do you personally know someone who is disabled or who has a disabled family member? What would you say are some of their needs? How can you help them in some way?