



Part Four: Help Me See // Andy Stanley // July 25, 2021

We want to be open-minded, but we naturally resist things we can't control or don't understand. So how can we learn to be open to changing our ideals and beliefs, especially if we may be wrong about something? It begins with a simple prayer.

Scripture: [Luke 18:31-34 NIV](#), [Micah 6:8 NIV](#), [Matthew 5:8 NLT](#)

Bottom Line: If you want to understand your view of God, listen to the way you pray. Your prayers reflect your view of God.

Getting Started:

1. Would you say you are open-minded? What would the people who know you say? What would someone who has completely opposite views say?

Jumping In:

2. Can you think of an inaccurate or unhealthy view of something or someone you inherited from your family that you corrected later in life? What enabled you to see clearly?
3. How do you determine which ideals and beliefs to hold tightly and which to hold loosely? Have you ever damaged a relationship because you held too tightly to an ideal?

Discuss:

4. Read [Luke 18:31-34](#). Imagine if you were a disciple hearing Jesus explain what was going to happen next. How would your view of Jesus be challenged? How would you respond? Why?
5. About the disciples, Andy said, 'They could not hear. They could not see. They thought they knew.' It turns out their beliefs about Jesus were challenged. Has

this happened to you in your spiritual journey? Does this cause you to wonder how you might have it wrong? Where have you possibly missed Jesus?

6. Read [Micah 6:8](#). What does each of the following look like today: 'Act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with your God.' Which part of this verse is most challenging for you to follow as you face the week ahead? When you consider how you might need to address your personal ideas or prejudices, which is the most challenging to apply?
7. In [Luke 7:49](#), the dinner guests asked 'Who is this that even forgives sins?' They asked because they didn't 'see' Jesus? Have you asked yourself this important question? Why is it important to continue to ask this throughout your spiritual journey?
8. Jesus said: "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God" ([Matthew 5:8](#)). What is the relationship between a pure heart and seeing clearly?

Moving Forward:

With your hands and heart wide open, would you be willing to pray the blind man's prayer? 'I want to see!' How about praying Sandra Stanley's version of this prayer this week?

Heavenly Father.

Let the things that bring you joy, bring me joy.

And let the things that break your heart, break my heart.

Give me the courage to respond appropriately.

Lord, help me to see.