

RELATIONSHIPS UNDER PRESSURE



08/09/2020 "Reversing the Pressure"

1. What resonated with you most from Sunday's message? Why?
2. Read John 9:1-12. What misunderstanding does Jesus' disciples have about the blind man?
3. Elbert Hubbard states, "We are punished by our sins not for them." How is this different from what the disciples in John 9:2 have assumed?
4. What does it mean to be punished by our sins rather than for our sins?
5. To find healing and reverse the pressure, we need to move toward Jesus. How does doing this help? Read Matthew 11:28-30.
6. John 9:13-34 tells of the conflict between the religious leaders and Jesus. What role does pride play in keeping the religious leaders from accepting Jesus' work?
7. How does pride keep us from moving toward Jesus?
8. In order to reverse the pressure, our eyes have to be opened. What do our eyes need to be opened to?
9. How do we partner with God in the healing work he wants to do 1) to open our own eyes, and 2) to help open the eyes of others?
10. Hopelessness seems to surround us. What things tend to increase your sense of hopelessness?
11. What do you feel most hopeless about right now?
12. Read Ephesians 1:18. Where do you need God to step in and show you hope?
13. What can you do to move toward Jesus and hope this week?