8 ¹² Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I the light of the world. am Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life"...

9 As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth.²And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" 3 Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. 4We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. 5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." 6 Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eves with the mud 7 and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing ...

39 Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see mav become blind." 4º Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, "Are we also blind?" 41 Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, 'We see,' your guilt remains.

3 Reflection / discussion questions

Can you relate to this experience of being in the dark spiritually? What do you make of Jesus' claim to be the light of the world?

feeling like a mushroom

We are in the dark

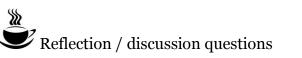
- physical blindness (the picture)
- spiritual blindness (the reality)
 - present darkness
 - ultimate darkness ¹ \cap

Jesus is the light

- opens blind eyes
 - o claim
 - o proof

response

blinds 'open' eyes



¹ Matthew 8:12; 22:13; 25:30