GOSPEL OF MARK Having Eyes To See Mark 8:22-26

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1. It is the work of God in Christ to open deaf ears and heal ______ eyes.

"As soon as ever the Gospel comes with power, it dispels the darkness of the mind, and introduces light; though at first it is but very ______, it is let in gradually." - John Gill

"When converted, he is in a new world. Light is shed on every object, and he sees the Scriptures, the Savior, and the works of creation, the sun, and stars, and vales, in a new ______. He sees the beauty of the plan of salvation, and wonders that he has not seen it before. Yet he sees at first indistinctly." - Albert Barnes

- 2. Christ's healing of the blind man gives insight into how the Lord ______ spiritually blind sinners.
 - a. By nature all men are ______ to the truths of the gospel.
 - b. By God's grace, the gospel gives the ______ necessary for salvation.
 - The Holy Spirit enables sinners to see their sin, the danger of judgment, and the hope of Christ as Savior - though it will be somewhat ______ at first.

- 2) As believers continue to grow in their faith, their __________into the glorious truths of the gospel and of their Savior will become more clear.
- 3. When the Lord has graciously opened a person's spiritual eyes and ears, it is imperative that they to make good use of the means for growth He has provided so that they do not become dull and insensitive to the Lord.