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Title: Seeing Clearly

Theme: The Bible is the only way we can clearly see Jesus.

Object: Several old pairs of prescription glasses.

Text: Heb 12:1-2 (NKJV) Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares *us,* and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith

These verses of the Bible tell us how we can be successful Christians.

We need to “look to Jesus.”

We need to keep our eyes on Jesus.

How many see what I’m wearing on my face today? (Glasses)

And why do you think I wear glasses? (So I can see better.)

I see that none of you wear glasses. Have you ever had your eyes tested?

You have to go to the eye doctor, and he makes you read a chart on the wall 20 feet away. The chart looks like this. [Show picture of eye chart.]

The first letter on the chart is a big “E” at the top, and I can see the “E” without my glasses.

But each line of letters below the “E” gets smaller with more letters, and you have to read down the chart until you can’t see the letters anymore.

When I went to the eye doctor and read the chart he told me I needed glasses.

So ever since I went to college, I had to wear glasses.

Would you like to see some of the glasses I’ve worn over the years? [Model glasses]

The reason I wear glasses is so that I can see better.

Now as Christians, when we look to Jesus, we need to see Him clearly.

We need to put on eyeglasses to clearly see who Jesus really is and what He has really done.

And the way we can see Jesus clearly is by knowing what the Bible says about Him.

The Bible is like our eyeglasses that help us to see Jesus clearly.

Everything we really know about Jesus is found in the bible.

And we can trust the Bible because it is God’s word.

God sent His Holt Spirit to guide the people who wrote the Bible so it would be the truth.

Do you want to see Jesus clearly? Then we have to know what this Book says about Him.

Let’s ask Jesus to help us see clearly who He is and what He’s like, and what He’s done to save us.