

Life Group Homework

JOHN 9:1-41 – JESUS: THE HEALER OF SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS

Getting Started:

1. How would you explain colors to someone who is born blind?
2. Why is it so difficult to fully communicate what colors are to someone born blind?
3. Given the difficulty from questions 1 & 2, how then can you understand the concept of being “spiritually blind”?

Digging In:

1. Why is the fact that the man Jesus passes in verse 1 was blind from birth important?
2. What understanding of God and beliefs concerning the bad things that happen in this life would cause the disciples to ask their question recorded in verse 2?
3. What are the terms “day” and “night” referring to in verse 4, and why can no one work when it is night? (Note: this is a difficult question that may not have a clearly correct answer, but as part of this passage it warrants discussion.)

4. Who are the “some” and “others” mentioned in verse 9? Are they distinct from “*the neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar*” who are mentioned in verse 8, or do they represent two different responses within that same group? Why might this matter?

5. What thoughts might have gone through the mind of the man who was given sight as he stood there and listened to the Pharisees condemning Christ for having done work on the Sabbath day?

6. What tone of voice were the words of *verses 30-31* said by the man who had been given sight?

7. Do you think the arguments of the Pharisees concerning the identity of Jesus were able to convince the man who had been given sight that Jesus was a fraud?

8. [WARNING: Deep question approaching, skip if allergic reaction is detected.] Read *John 9:40-41*, *Matthew 6:22-23*, and *Matthew 13:11-15*. In what way were the Pharisees “seeing” and thus accountable, yet were also not seeing, and thus not believing?

Living It Out:

1. Are you a man or woman who has received spiritual sight from God?

2. Should our spiritual sight be able to give us the same confidence in the face of unbelieving critics that the blind man had before the Pharisees?