



Home group questions on John 9 : The Blind will see?

Read the whole of John Chapter 9 – perhaps with someone reading the story as a narrator and others reading the dialogue as the characters of Jesus, the Pharisees, The Man who was healed, The parents and The Disciples. As you read imagine you are seeing the events as in a fly on the wall documentary – asking yourselves– so what is this about? – who is this Jesus?

1. There are a lot of questions in this passage – do you have any extra of your own?
2. Why do you think Jesus heals using mud and sending the man to wash in the pool? What extra clues to Jesus's godliness is John highlighting in his description of the miracle?
3. The central image of Jesus being used by John in this Chapter is Jesus as the light of the world. What references are there to light and darkness throughout the passage?
4. In the central section verses 8-34 – all the characters have something to fear and these fears are revealed as the drama unfolds. Discuss the fears of the Pharisees, the parents and the healed man.
5. In the opening verses Jesus clearly separates the man's blindness from sin, the Pharisees try to draw the discussion back to one of sin and ultimately condemn the healed man as sinful. In the final verses of the chapter Jesus describes himself as a judge. How might these words have been a comfort to the man? The words are unsettling for the Pharisees and perhaps also for us – What sin is Jesus drawing our attention to?
6. Discuss who you identify with in the story.
 - The disciples with their questions for Jesus about sin?
 - The pharisees with their fears of the impact of this man on their power base?
 - The parents – have you seen actions of god in your families or friends but long to understand and have the courage to give your own testimony?
 - The blindman – are you in need of healing and your own meeting face to face with Jesus?
7. Is there anything about your belief, your spiritual seeing that is like the seeing of the Pharisees?

- Are you too distracted by or too committed to the laws of this world to see his kingdom?
- Are you clinging to the traditions of an old and stale faith and not seeing the living Christ at work? – he is available here and now.

8. If you believe Jesus is the light of the world. How are you bringing his light into the lives of others today? Because that is the calling of his apprentices.

Share your testimonies of answered prayers and the power of God at work in our lives today. Pray as people who believe they have the power of the holy spirit working in and through them, ask for miracles that give God glory, expect to see things happen and when they do – start the arguments....present the evidence to the world.

If you need extra examples of answered prayers visit www.thewall.org.uk – and leave your testimonies there too!

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