



GOSPEL | COMMUNITY | MISSION

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John 9:1-41

“I Was Blind, Now I See”

QUESTIONS

(potential discussion/conversation questions to use in your GGs this week)

1. Icebreaker. You will lose each of your five senses, one per decade, over the next 5 decades. Which one would you want to lose first, second, third etc.? Sight, touch, smell, taste, hearing. Explain your answer.
2. Discuss the significance that only Jesus miraculously restores people's sight in the Bible? What parallels can be drawn spiritually from this?
3. Why is this man blind? (look at verse 3) The disciples were preoccupied with the cause of his suffering, but Jesus redirects to God's purpose in suffering. Does anyone have any examples of this type of redirection in your own life? What encouragement can we gain from this idea as we exalt God through suffering and rest in the hope that one day God will remove all suffering?
4. Knowing this is true, how can we spur one another to engage in other people's sufferings.
5. What different ways did Jesus heal blind people in the NT? What was different about the way he healed the man in John 9 and how did Tony explain this as a parallel to the creation account?
6. The man with new sight was clear in his message to the spiritually blind Pharisees. How can we stay laser-focused on the essential truths of the gospel and fight against our desire to be right or heard?
7. After the man was questioned, the Pharisees kicked him out of the temple. Jesus pursued him and clearly revealed his identity. Do any of you have a story of Jesus' pursuit of you? How has Christ made himself known to you in an undeniable way? What was the man's response after belief?
8. In verse 41 Jesus says, "If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains." How does this verse relate to the response of the Pharisees to Jesus in John 7-9?

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